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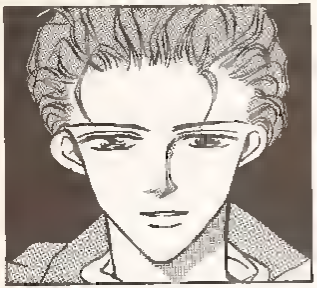
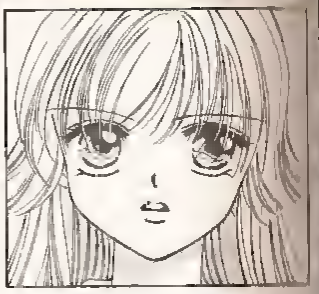


Akira Nanae

He was the first Japanese actor to succeed in Hollywood. He was killed in a tragic accident at the young age of 25. Is he really Yuniko's father?

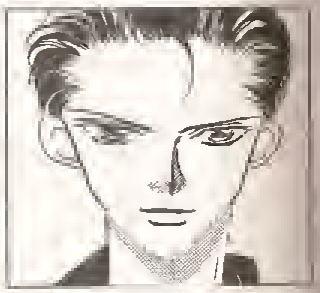


Yuniko Sakuraba

This girl is a Nanae-maniac! She's out to steal back Akira's personal possessions from the fanatical fans who ransacked his belongings after his death. Has feelings for Ryu.

Ryu Eba

He's a papular actar now, though he's anly 17 years old. Peaple call him the "New Nanae," but he hates the camparison. Ryu is in lave with Yunika.



Maki Tatsumi

The son of a famous paparazzi photographer. He attends the same high school as Yunika and Ryu. He's desperately seeking the latest scoop an Yunika and Ryu.

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The Story So Far

Yuniko Sakuraba is 15 years old. She's a passionate fan of the late actor Akita Nanae, and she steals to collect his personal belongings. Her mother, an actress with the UAT Theater Company, has been in a haspital undergaing long-term treatment. As a result, UAT is in charge of laoking after Yunika. Yunika soon develaps a clase relatianship with Ryu Eba, a popular actor. Shortly after, he transfers to UAT.

One day, the future paparazzi Maki tells Yuniko that Akiro Nanae is her real dad! Ryu was already aware of that fact, but he was hiding the information fram Yunika to protect her feelings. Yunika is happy that Ryu cares sa much abaut her, and soon begins to fall in love with him. When Yuniko and Ryu discover that a tape which proves her biological roots is buried near the haspitol where she was born, they set off to find it. However, Maki beats them to it, and throws the tape into the ocean in frant of Yunika! Ryu yells to Yunika that Maki's tape is a fake, but it's too late. Yuniko jumps off the cliff ta retrieve it! Will she survive?!!

YUNIKO...
yu...!

Kamui Data

The Average Day Off

EVENING
4:00 PM
Rise and shine! Bathroom, then breakfast.

Favarite Food:
Mealworms

6:00 PM
Exercise! Run around the room, climb the walls, then peel off the wallpaper.

8:00 PM
Break time! Take a nap.

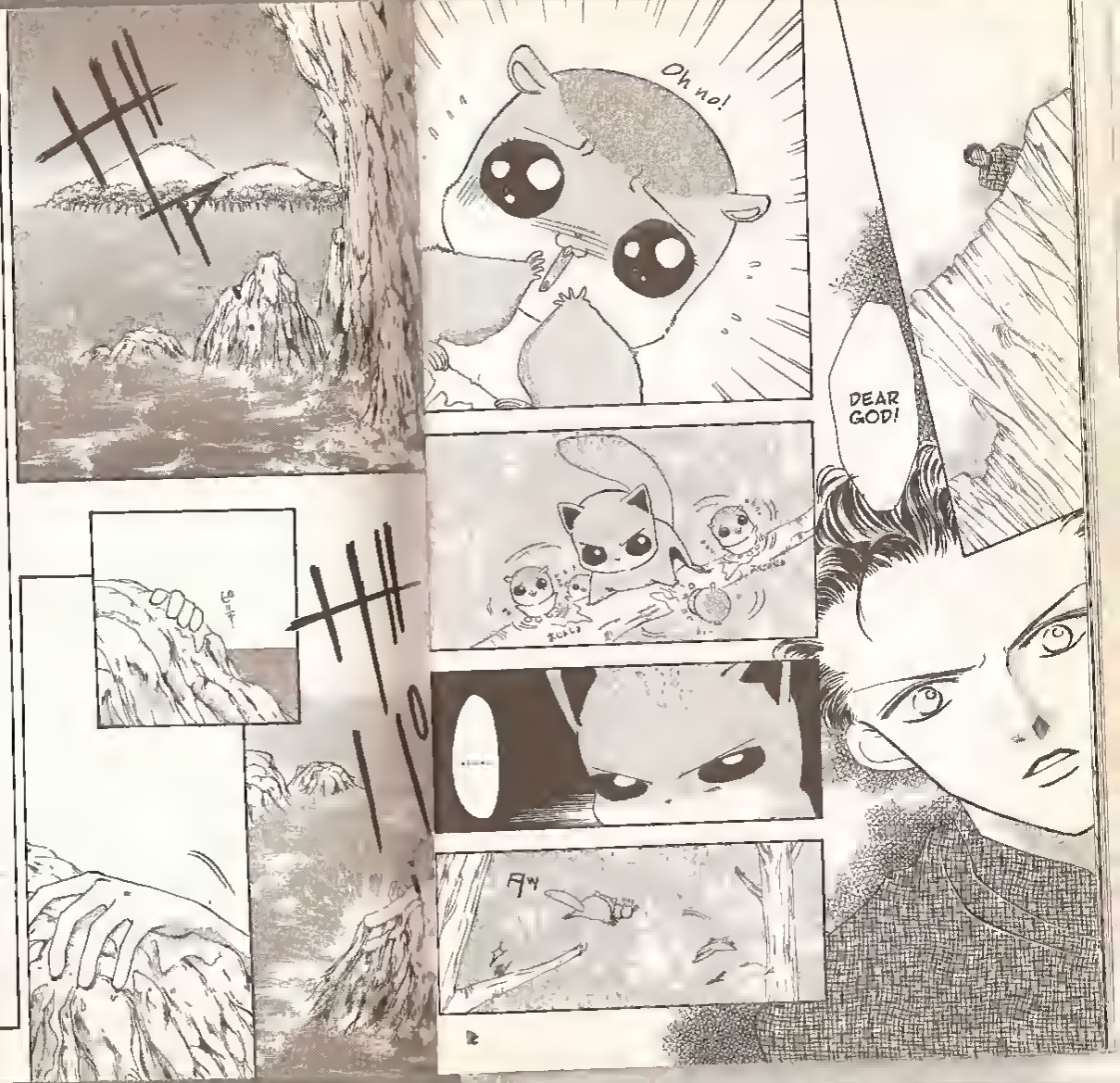
9:00 PM
Grooming time! Clean fur. (He's very clean, sa he grooms himself tharoughly.) Wash hands.

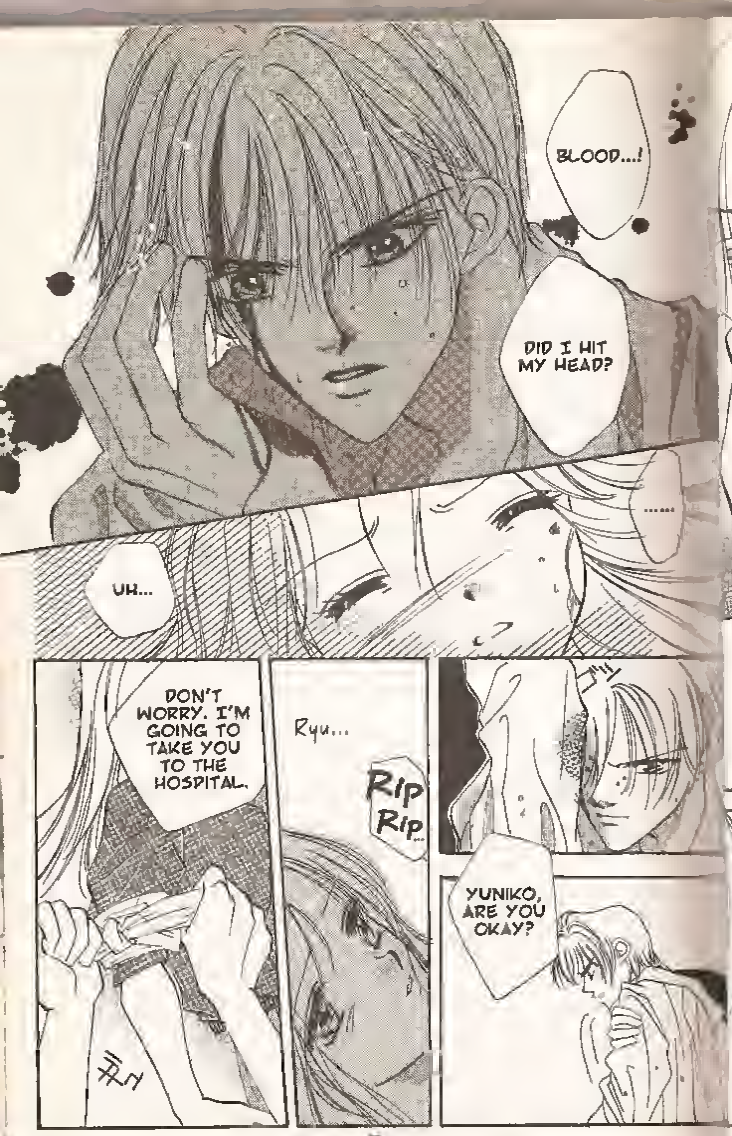
10:00 PM
Play time with Yunika. Wait for Yunika to deliver a late-night snack.

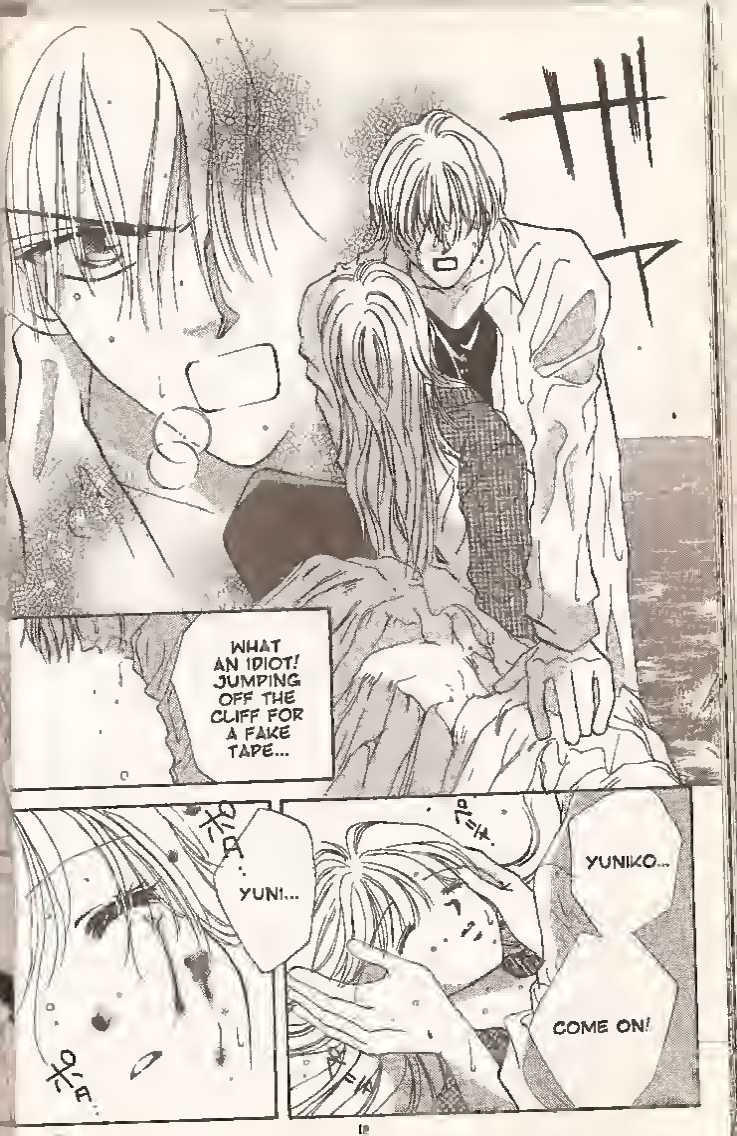
12:00 AM
Carefully hide the remainder af the late-night snack (usually nuts).

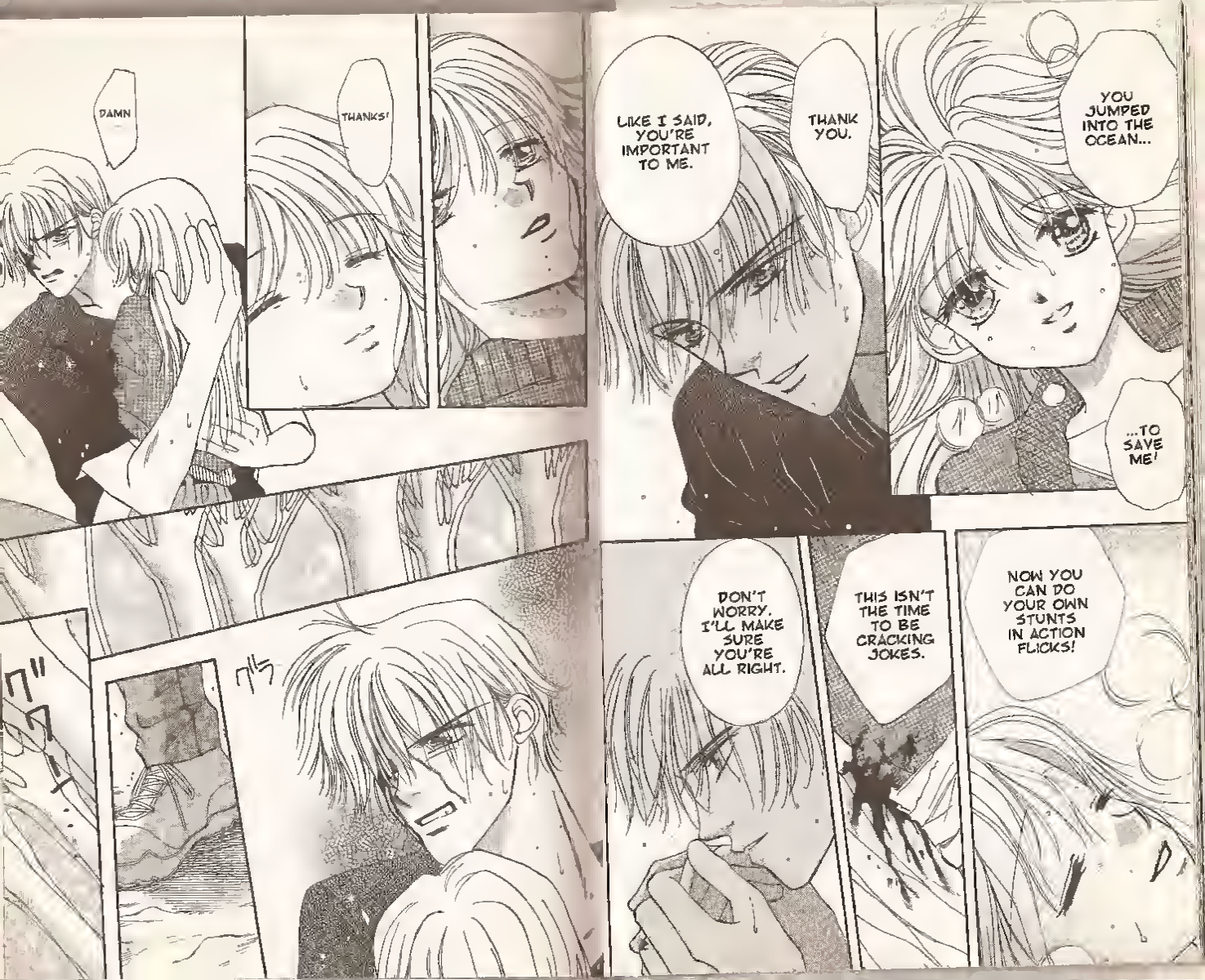
2:00 AM
Retrieve the hidden snack to finish it off. Looking farward to finishing thase snacks!

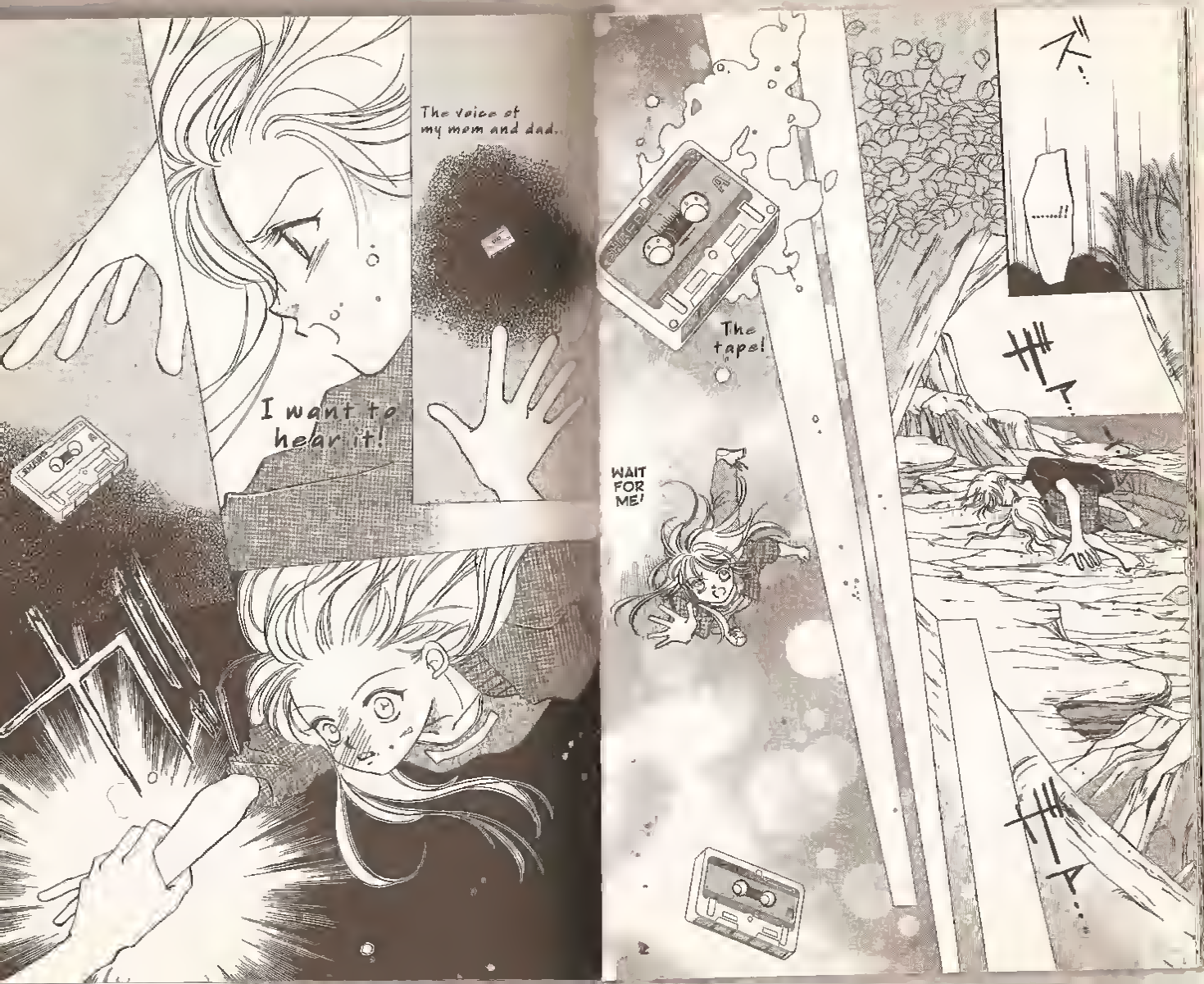
MORNING
7:00 AM
Wake up Yunika. Go back to sleep!

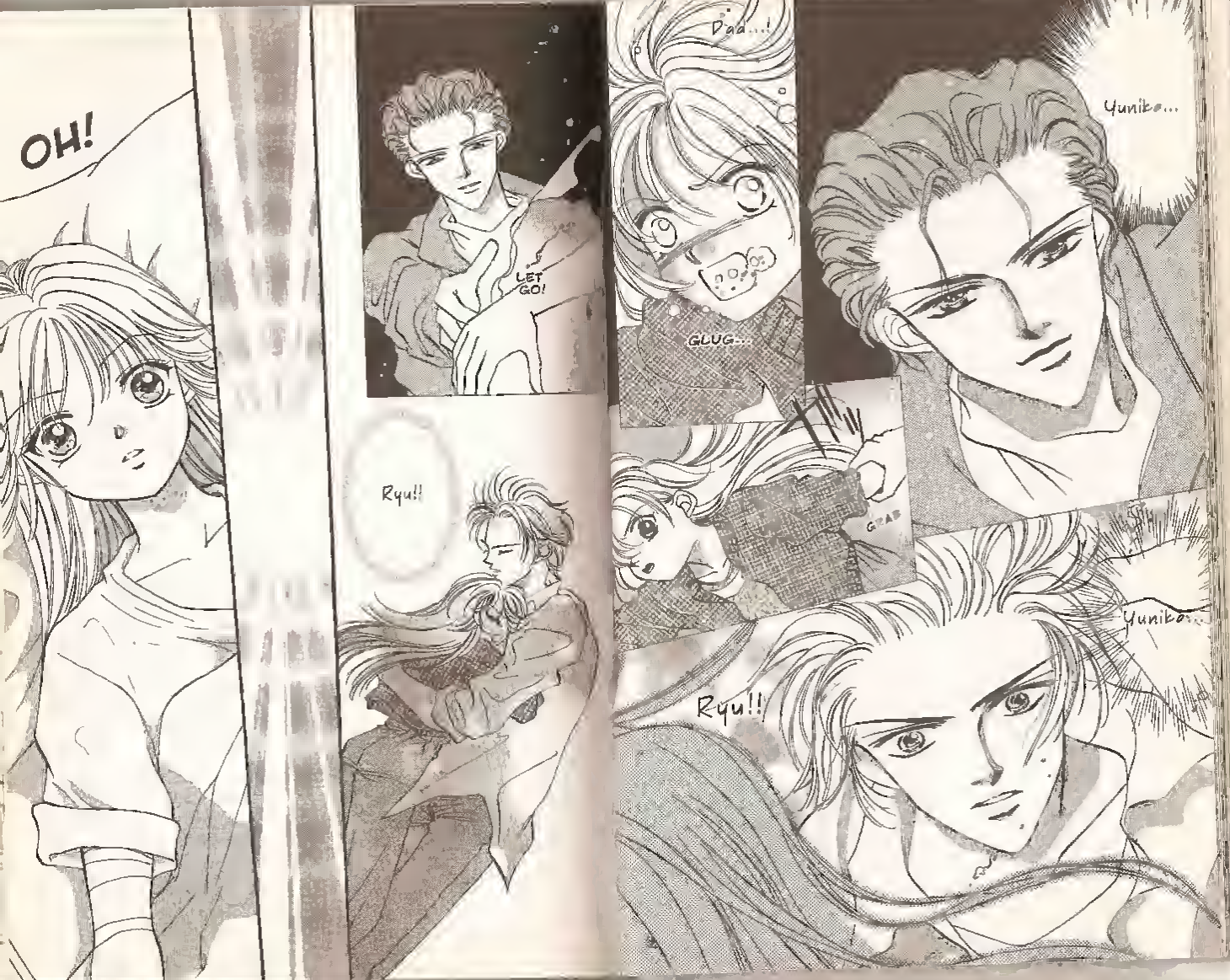


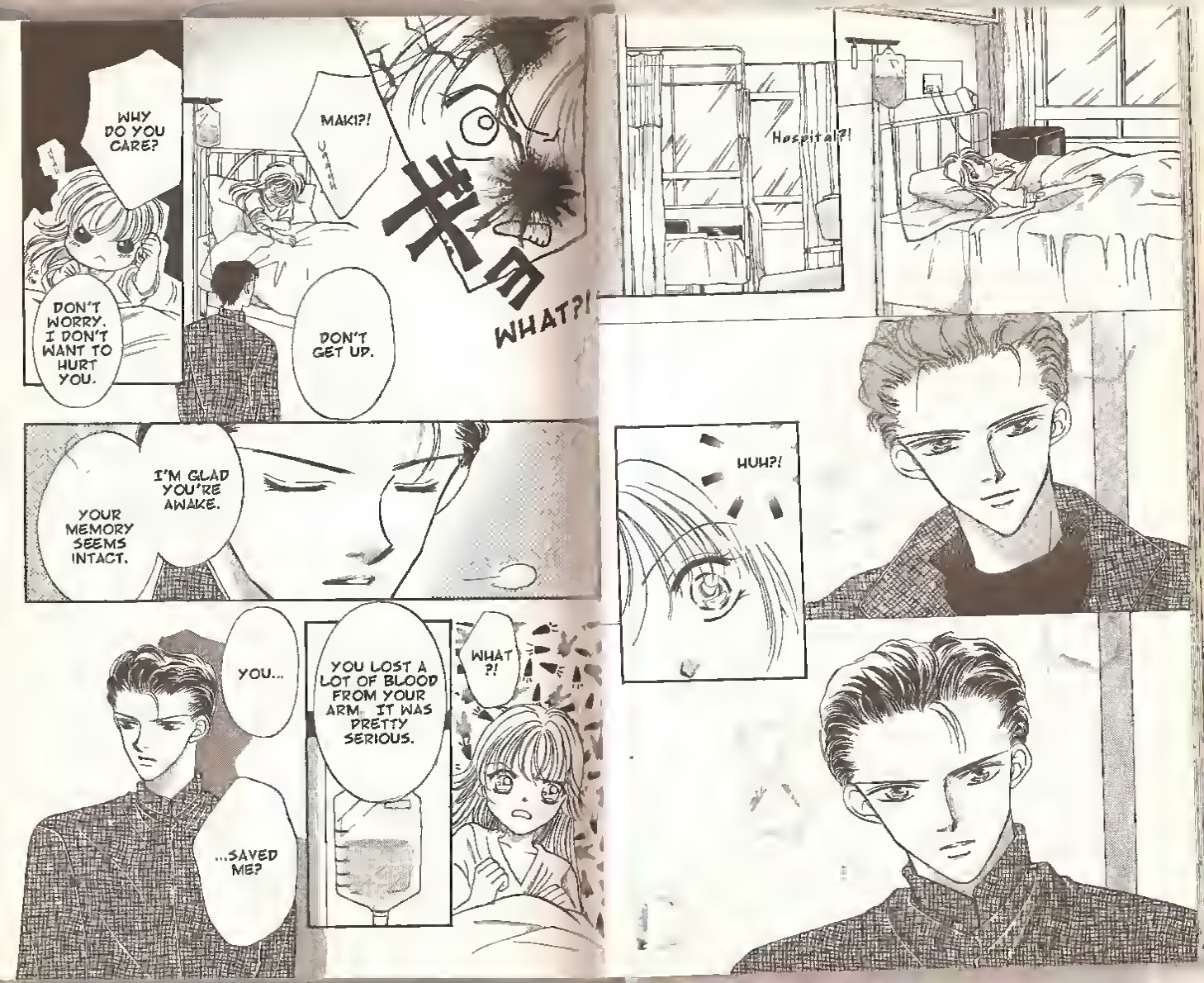

BLOOD...!
DID I HIT MY HEAD?
.....
UH...
DON'T WORRY. I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO THE HOSPITAL.
Ryu...
RIP
RIP
YUNIKO, ARE YOU OKAY?

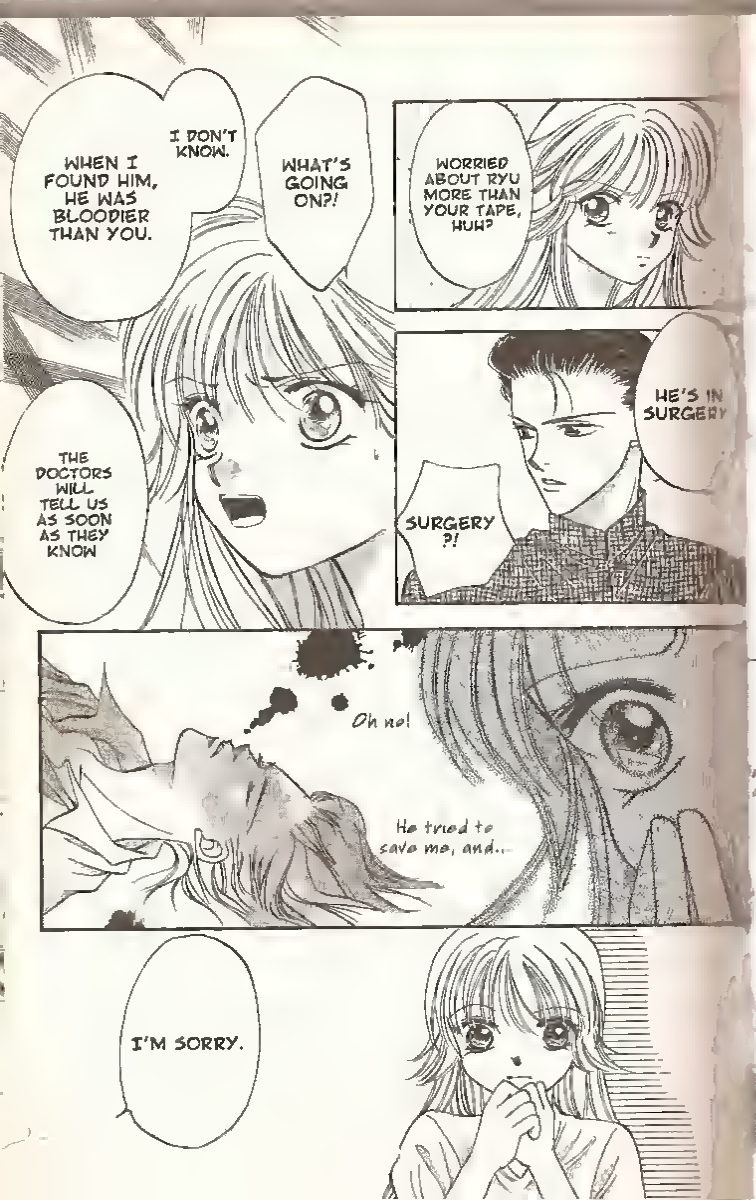

WHAT AN IDIOT! JUMPING OFF THE CLIFF FOR A FAKE TAPE...
YUN!...
YUNIKO...
COME ON!


DAMN
THANKS!
YOU JUMPED INTO THE OCEAN...
...TO SAVE ME!
THANK YOU.
LIKE I SAID, YOU'RE IMPORTANT TO ME.
NOW YOU CAN DO YOUR OWN STUNTS IN ACTION FLICKS!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE CRACKING JOKES.
DON'T WORRY. I'LL MAKE SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.

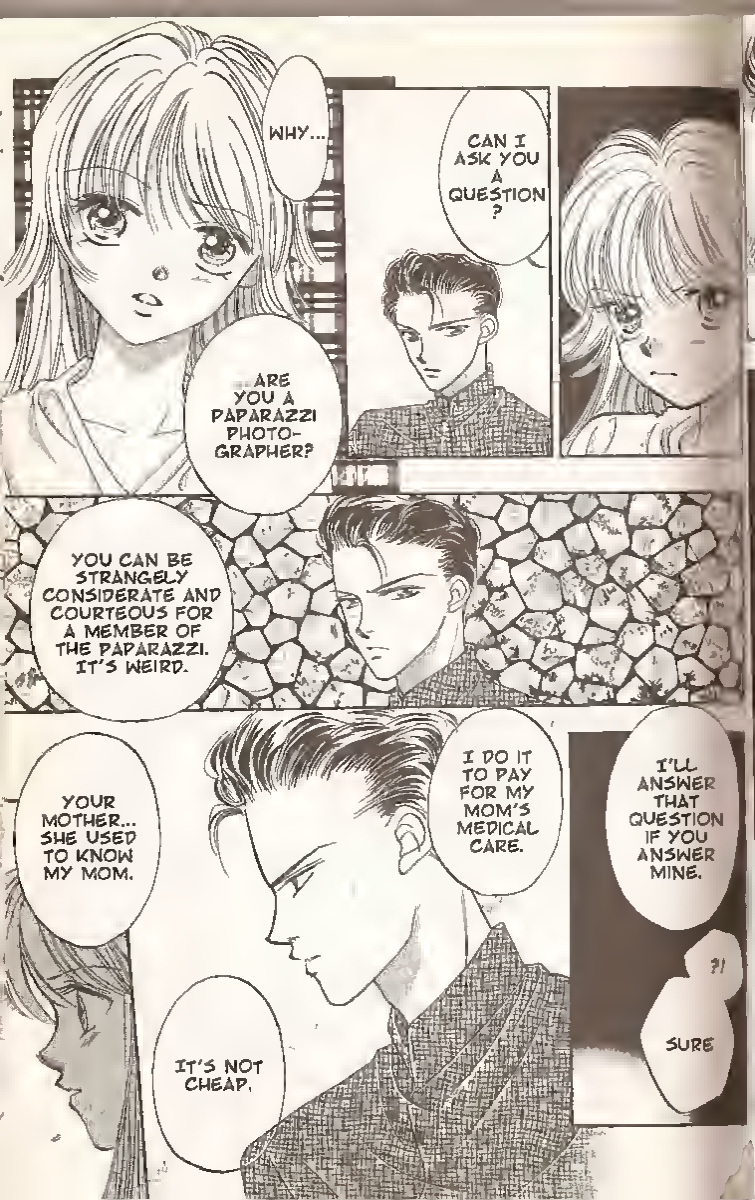

The voice of my mom and dad..
I want to hear it!
The tape!
WAIT FOR ME!

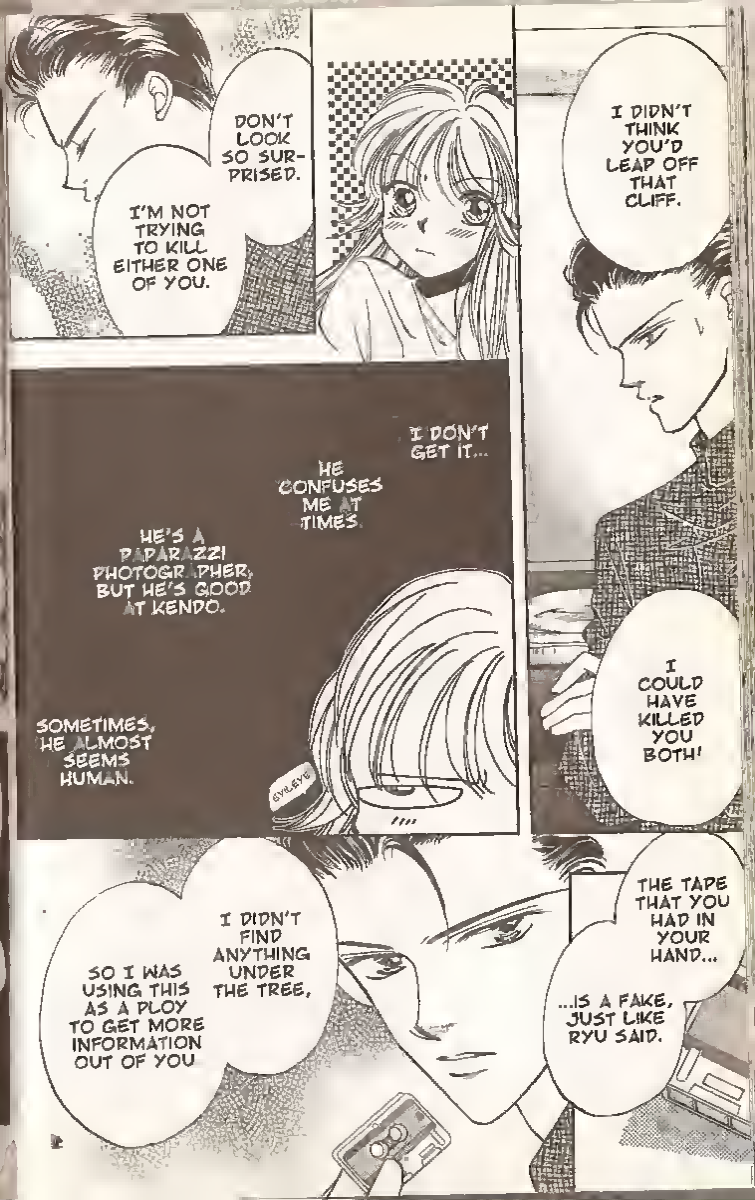

OH!
LET GO!
Ryu!!
Dad...!
GLUG...
Yuniko...
GRAB
Yuniko...
Ryu!!

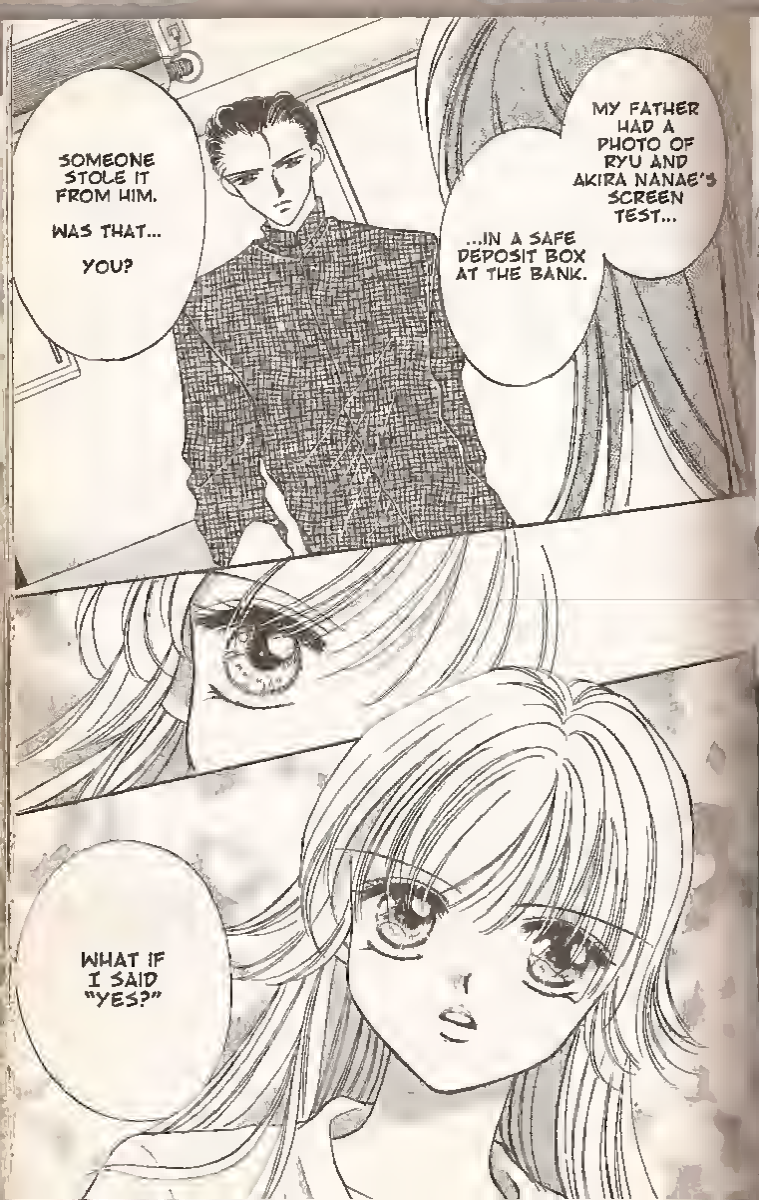

WHY DO YOU CARE?
DON'T WORRY. I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.
MAKI?!
DON'T GET UP.
ギョ
WHAT?!
Hospital?!
I'M GLAD YOU'RE AWAKE.
YOUR MEMORY SEEMS INTACT.
HUH?!
YOU...
...SAVED ME?
YOU LOST A LOT OF BLOOD FROM YOUR ARM. IT WAS PRETTY SERIOUS.
WHAT?!

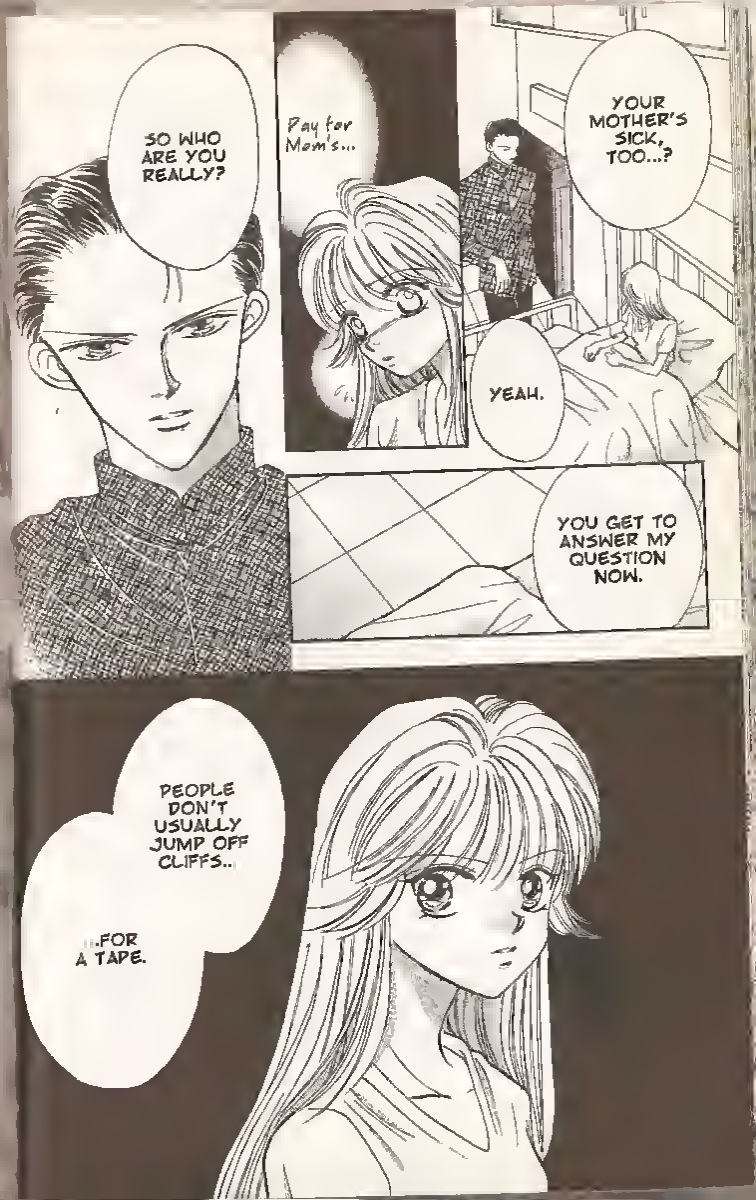

I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHEN I FOUND HIM, HE WAS BLOODIER THAN YOU.
THE DOCTORS WILL TELL US AS SOON AS THEY KNOW
WORRIED ABOUT RYU MORE THAN YOUR TAPE, HUH?
HE'S IN SURGERY
SURGERY ?!
Oh no!
He tried to save me, and...
I'M SORRY.

YOUR SQUIRREL TOLD ME WHERE YOU WERE.
IS HE YOUR PET?
Kamui...
I remember it clearly.
pulled me out of the water.
RYU!
HE'S NOT MY PET. HE'S MY PARTNER.
HE'S A FLYING SQUIRREL. HIS NAME IS KAMUI
Call him a faithful companion if you must
WHERE IS HE?!
!

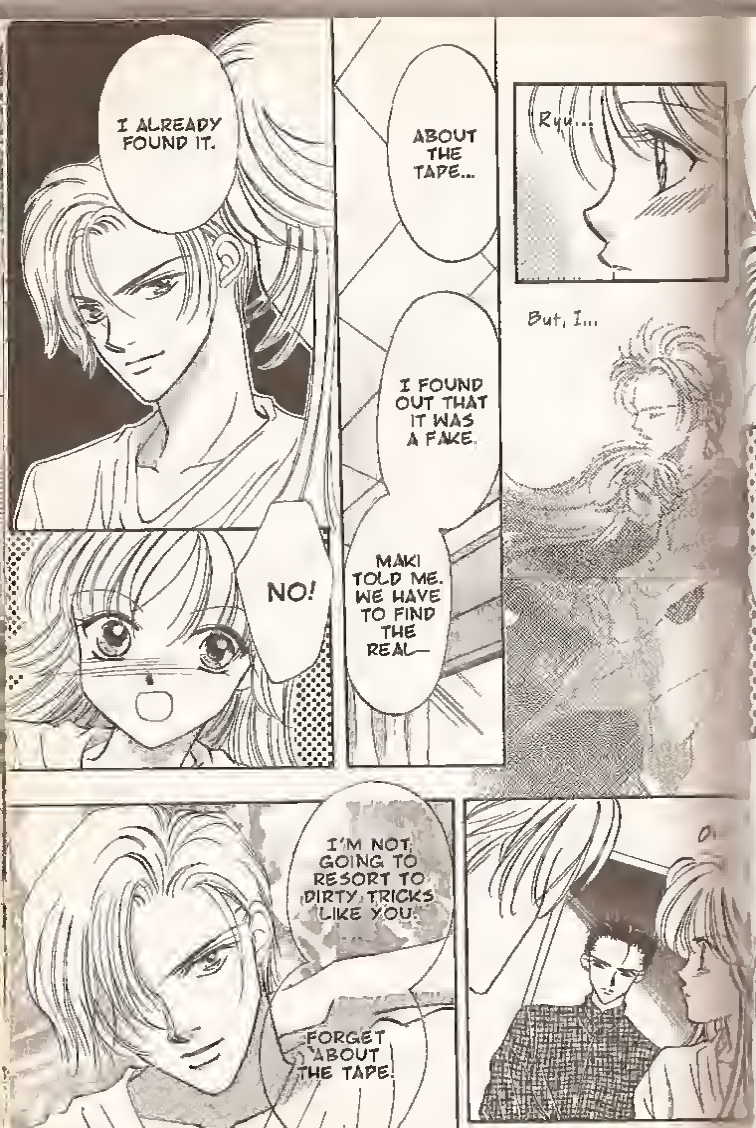

WHY...
...ARE YOU A PAPARAZZI PHOTO-GRAPHER?
CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
YOU CAN BE STRANGELY CONSIDERATE AND COURTEOUS FOR A MEMBER OF THE PAPARAZZI. IT'S WEIRD.
I DO IT TO PAY FOR MY MOM'S MEDICAL CARE.
YOUR MOTHER... SHE USED TO KNOW MY MOM.
IT'S NOT CHEAP.
I'LL ANSWER THAT QUESTION IF YOU ANSWER MINE.
?!
SURE

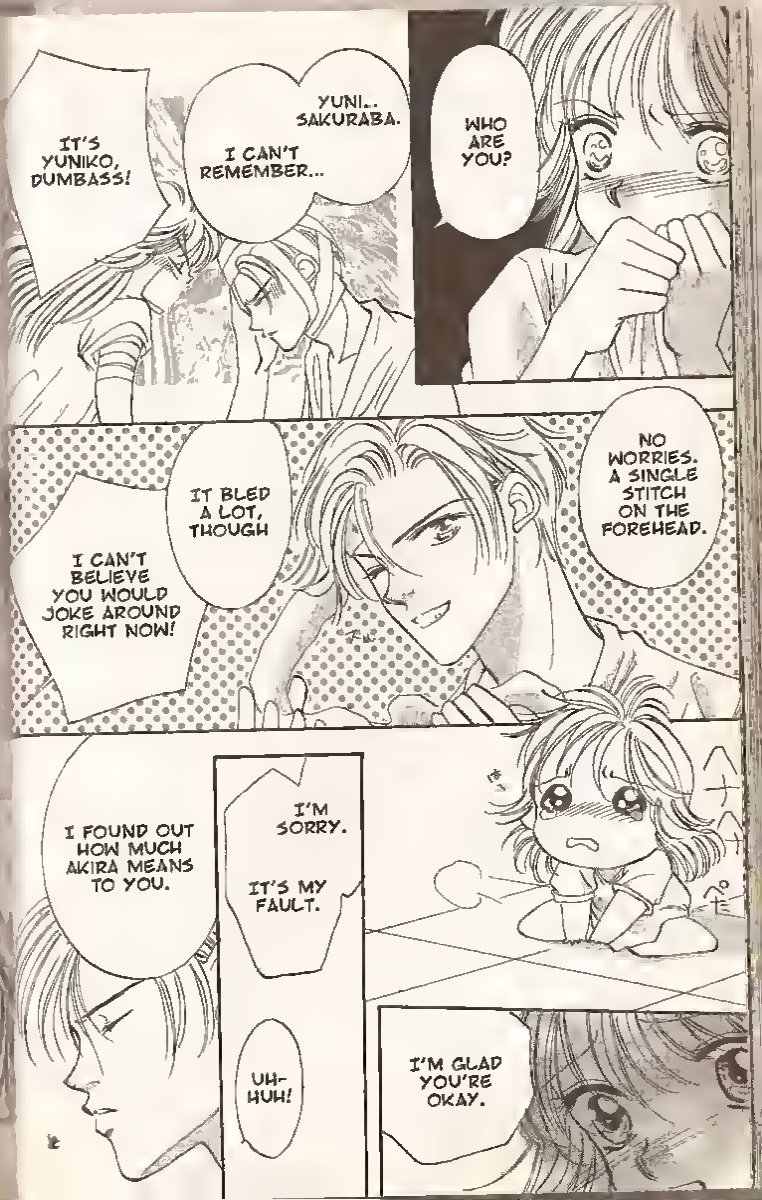

DON'T LOOK SO SURPRISED.
I'M NOT TRYING TO KILL EITHER ONE OF YOU.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D LEAP OFF THAT CLIFF.
I COULD HAVE KILLED YOU BOTH!
I DON'T GET IT...
HE CONFUSES ME AT TIMES.
HE'S A PAPARAZZI PHOTOGRAPHER, BUT HE'S GOOD AT KENDO.
SOMETIMES, HE ALMOST SEEMS HUMAN.
SIGH
SO I WAS USING THIS AS A PLOY TO GET MORE INFORMATION OUT OF YOU
I DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING UNDER THE TREE,
THE TAPE THAT YOU HAD IN YOUR HAND...
...IS A FAKE, JUST LIKE RYU SAID.


SOMEONE STOLE IT FROM HIM.
WAS THAT... YOU?
MY FATHER HAD A PHOTO OF RYU AND AKIRA NANAE'S SCREEN TEST...
...IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT THE BANK.
WHAT IF I SAID "YES?"

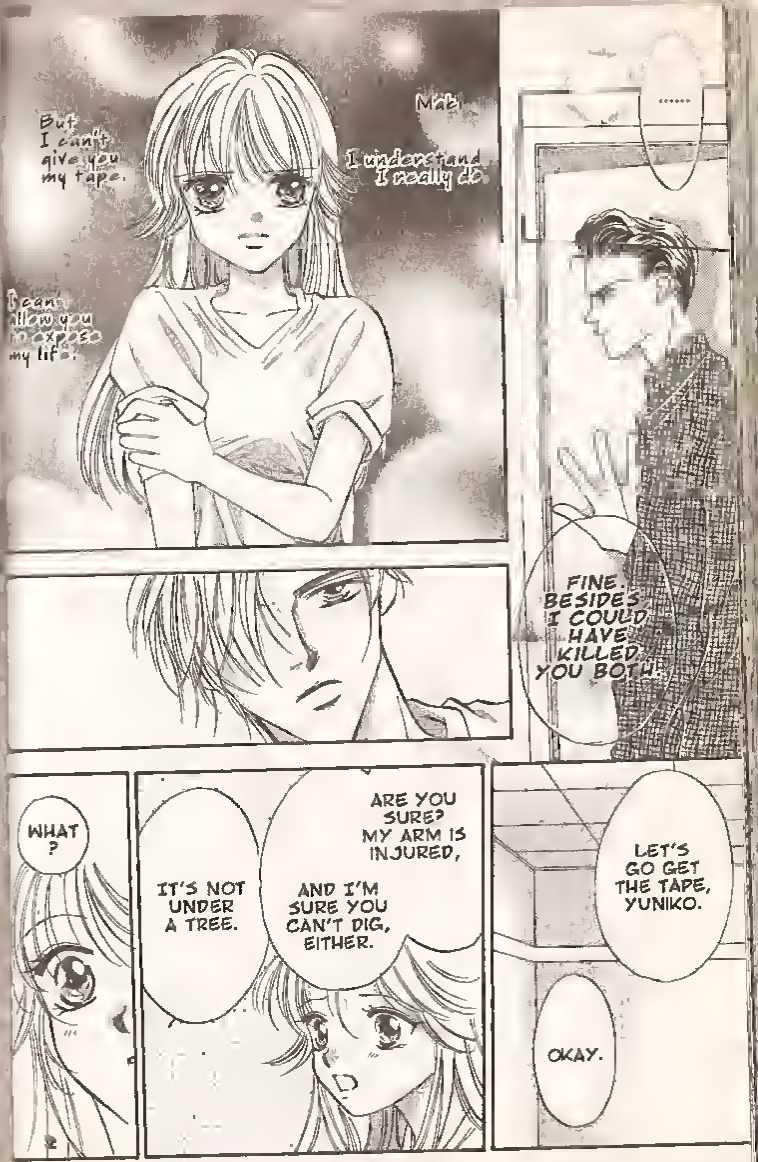

SO WHO ARE YOU REALLY?
Pay for Mom's...
YOUR MOTHER'S SICK, TOO...?
YEAH.
YOU GET TO ANSWER MY QUESTION NOW.
PEOPLE DON'T USUALLY JUMP OFF CLIFFS..
...FOR A TAPE.

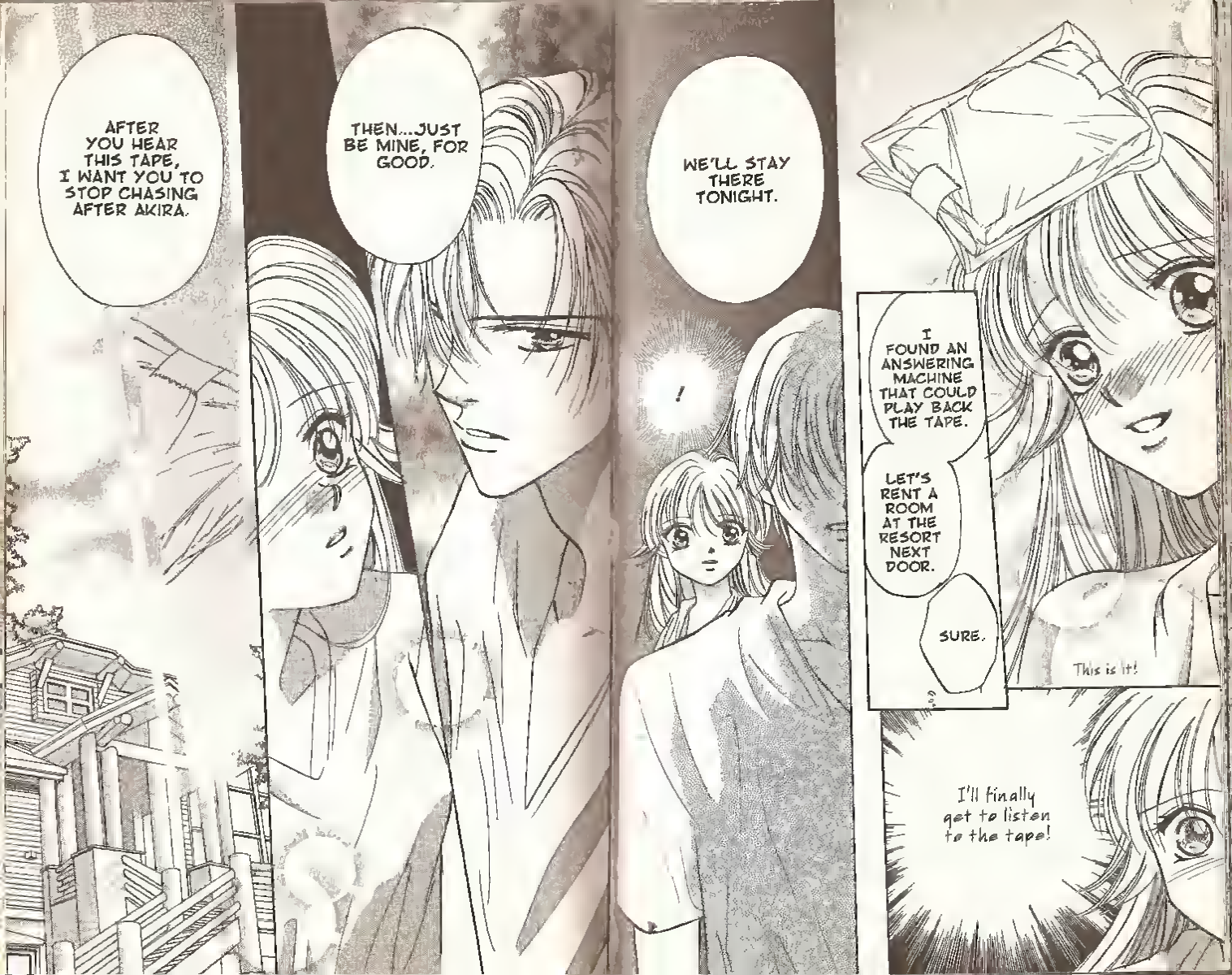
BAM!
RYU!
NOOOO!
YOUR FACE!
YOU DIDN'T INJURE..
RYU?
.....!
YOU...
OH!
SHE'S AWAKE. THAT'S GREAT!
DOCTOR!
HOW IS RYU?
HE'S IN THE NEXT ROOM.
PULL
THEY'RE IN LOVE, HUH?
I WANT THIS TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.
I WON'T TELL A SOUL..
RYU!

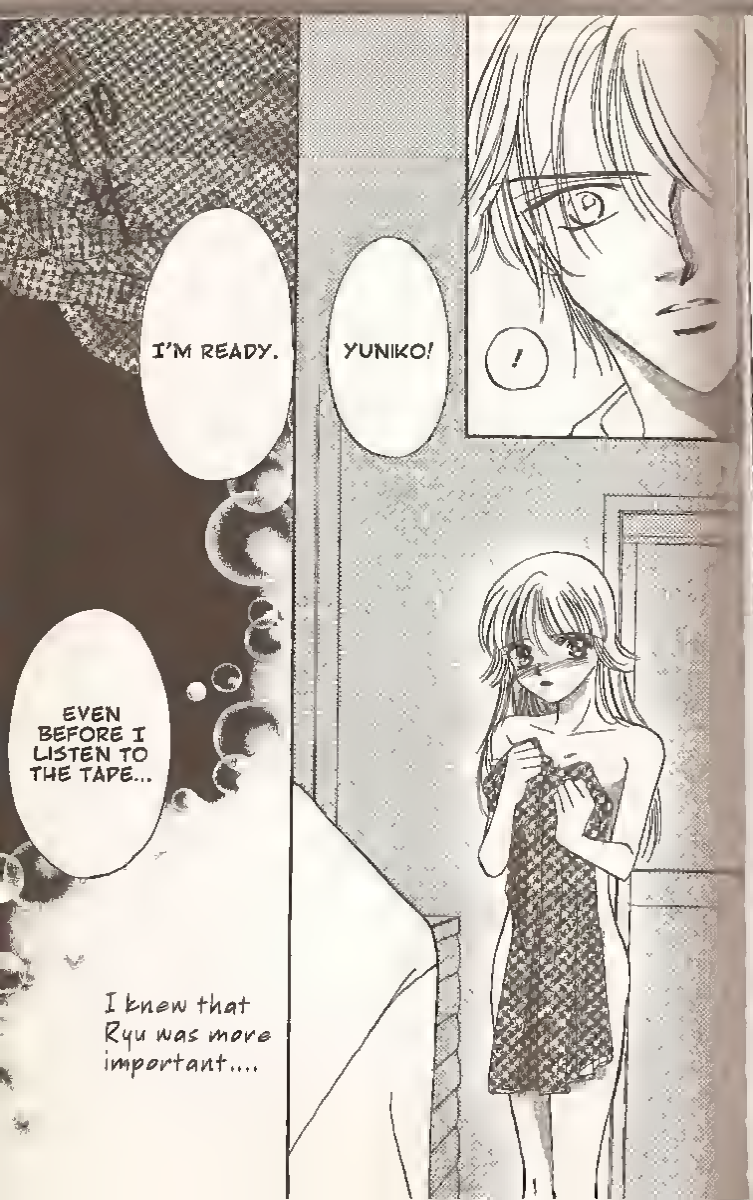

I ALREADY FOUND IT.
NO!
ABOUT THE TAPE...
I FOUND OUT THAT IT WAS A FAKE.
MAKI TOLD ME. WE HAVE TO FIND THE REAL—
Ryu...
But, I...
I'M NOT GOING TO RESORT TO DIRTY TRICKS LIKE YOU.
FORGET ABOUT THE TAPE.

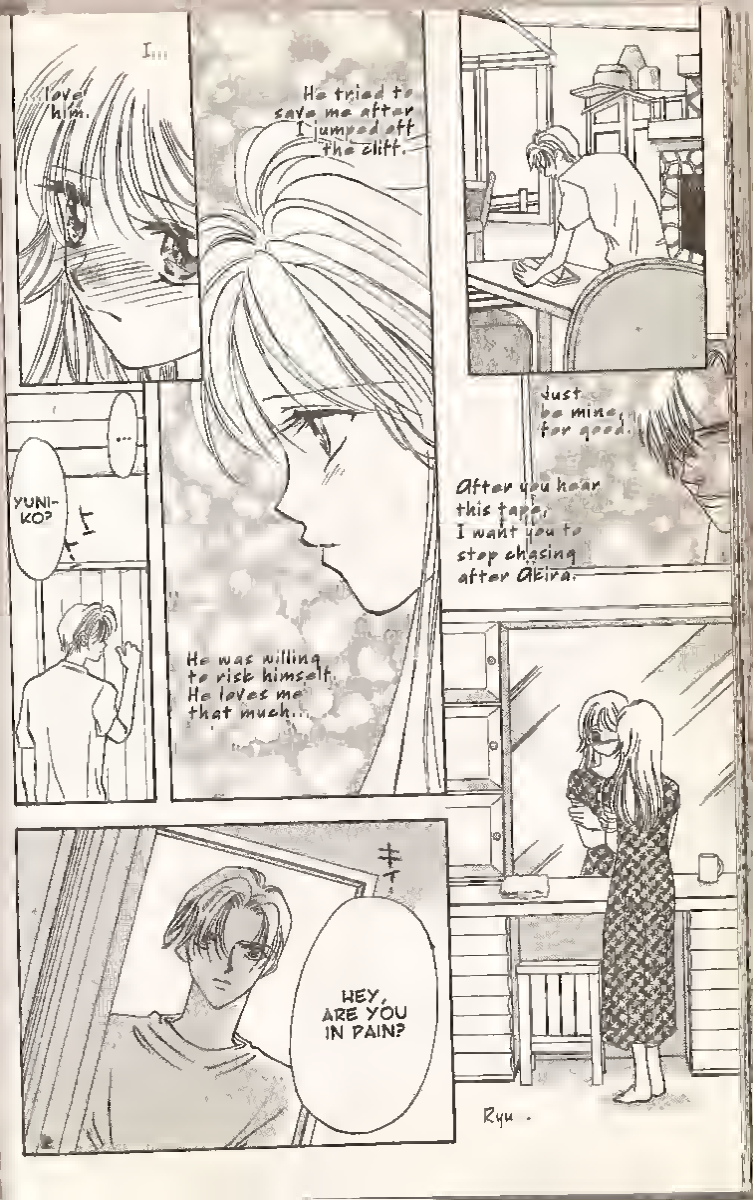

WHO ARE YOU?
YUNI.. SAKURABA.
I CAN'T REMEMBER...
IT'S YUNIKO, DUMBASS!
NO WORRIES. A SINGLE STITCH ON THE FOREHEAD.
IT BLED A LOT, THOUGH
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WOULD JOKE AROUND RIGHT NOW!
I FOUND OUT HOW MUCH AKIRA MEANS TO YOU.
I'M SORRY.
IT'S MY FAULT.
UH-HUH!
I'M GLAD YOU'RE OKAY.

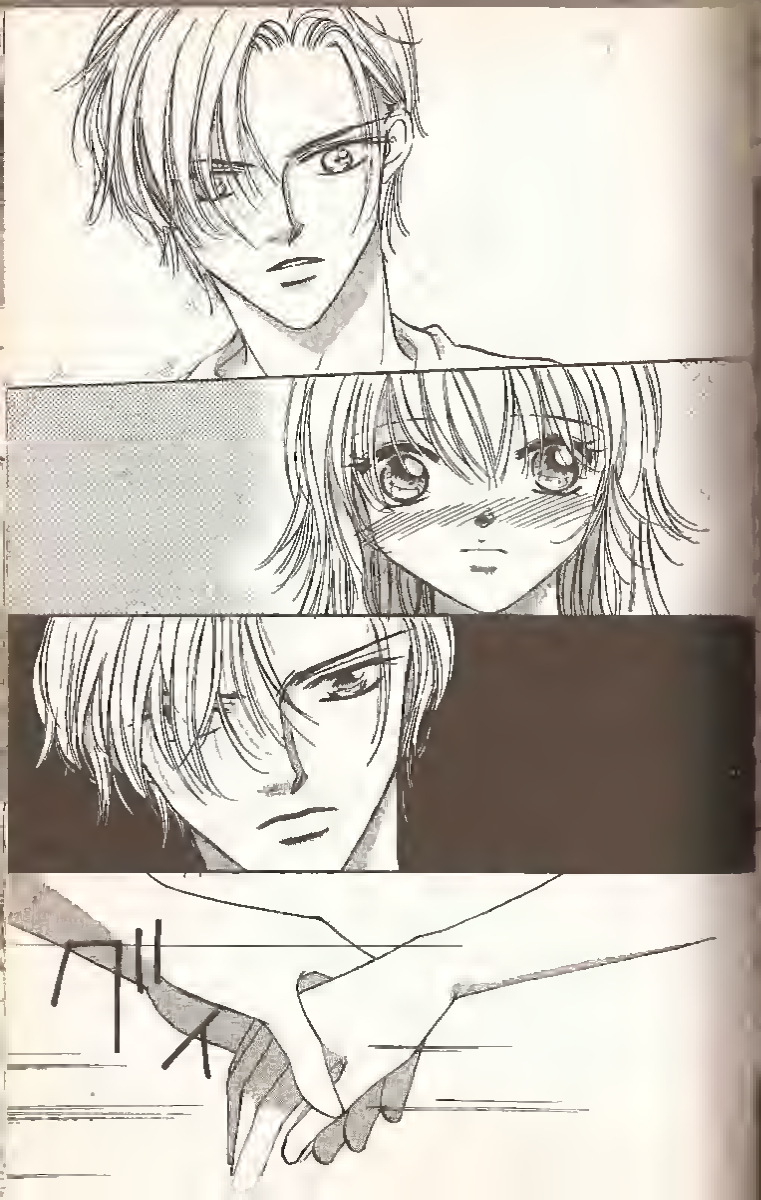
Hi, Ryu!
IT'S INSIDE THIS HOSPITAL.
WHAT?!
THEY FOUND A TAPE INSIDE A VINYL BAG AT THAT TIME.
THE TREE WAS RELOCATED TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION LAST YEAR.
It wasn't buried under a tree?!
THANK YOU!
LIKE HE SAID, I DIDN'T HAND IT OVER TO ANYBODY.
MISTER!


Mak
I understand. I really do.
But I can't give you my tape.
I can't allow you to expose my life.
.....
FINE. BESIDES, I COULD HAVE KILLED YOU BOTH!
LET'S GO GET THE TAPE, YUNIKO.
OKAY.
WHAT?
IT'S NOT UNDER A TREE.
ARE YOU SURE? MY ARM IS INJURED,
AND I'M SURE YOU CAN'T DIG, EITHER.

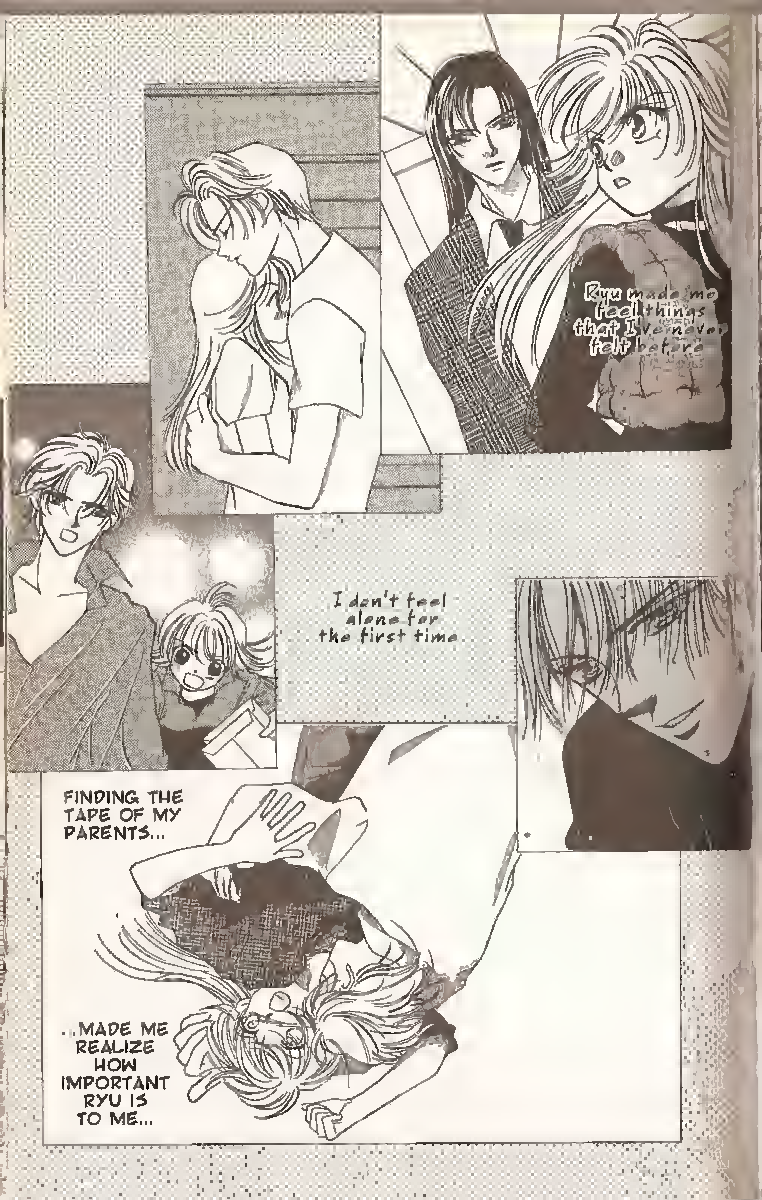

AFTER YOU HEAR THIS TAPE, I WANT YOU TO STOP CHASING AFTER AKIRA.
THEN...JUST BE MINE, FOR GOOD.
WE'LL STAY THERE TONIGHT.
!
I FOUND AN ANSWERING MACHINE THAT COULD PLAY BACK THE TAPE.
LET'S RENT A ROOM AT THE RESORT NEXT DOOR.
SURE.
This is it!
I'll finally get to listen to the tape!

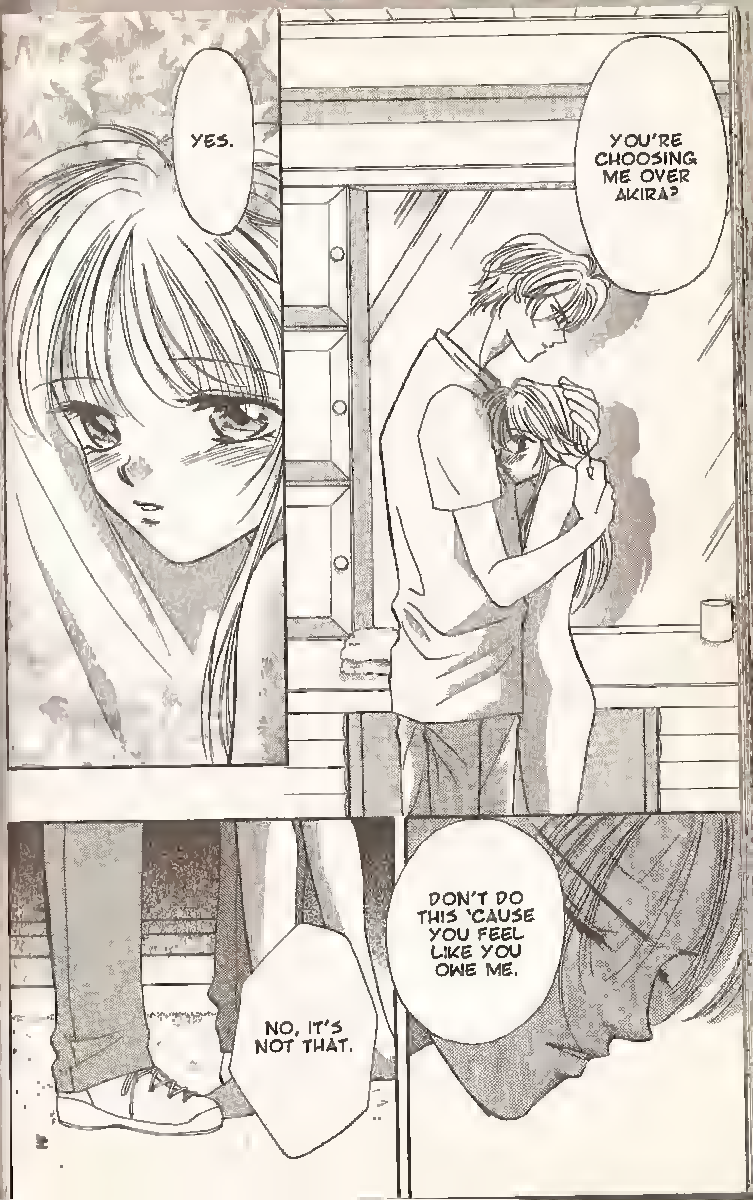

I'M READY.
YUNIKO!
!
EVEN BEFORE I LISTEN TO THE TAPE...
I knew that Ryu was more important....

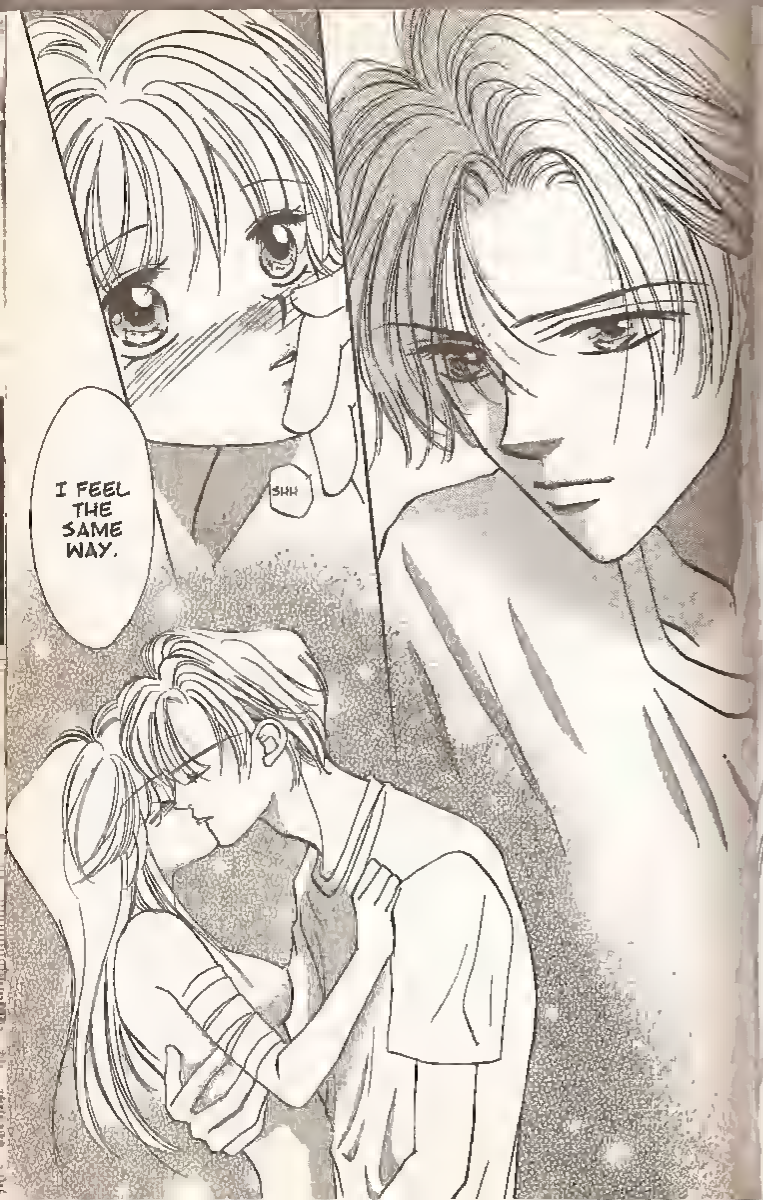

I... love him.
He tried to save me after I jumped off the cliff.
He was willing to risk himself. He loves me that much...
YUNI-KO?
...
!
Just be mine, for good.
After you hear this tape, I want you to stop chasing after Akira.
HEY, ARE YOU IN PAIN?
Ryu.

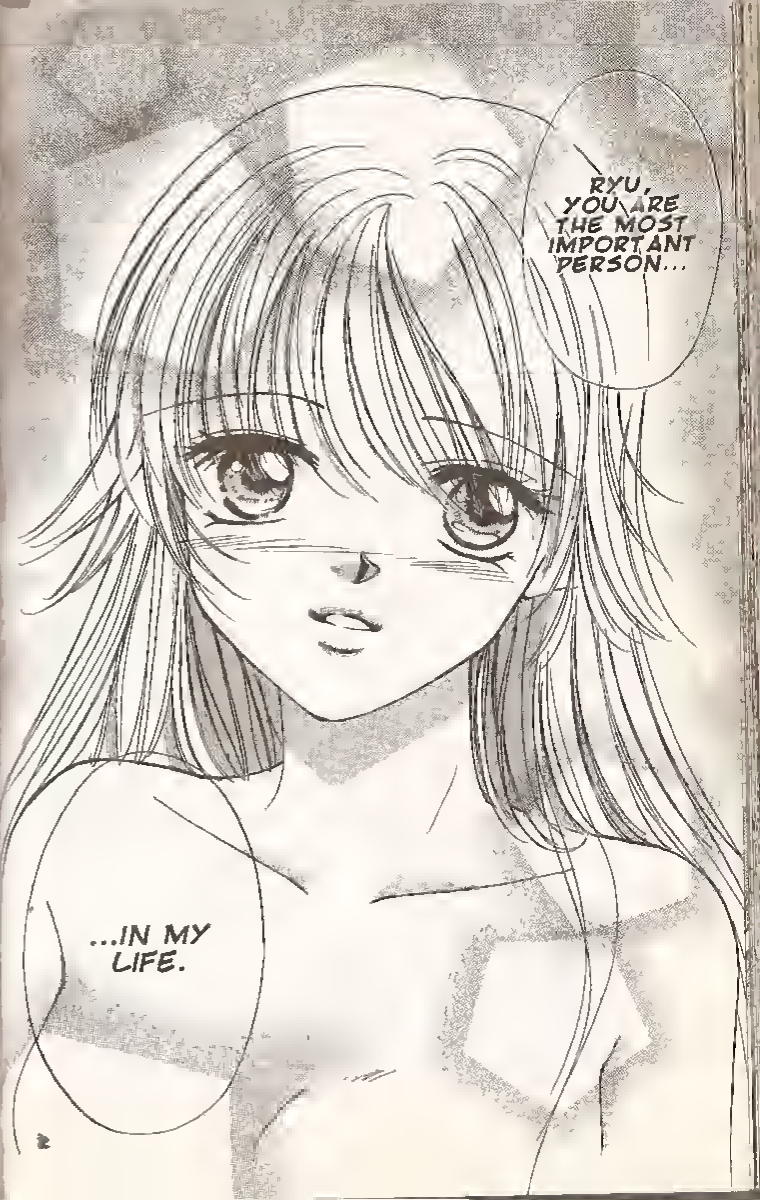


I knew that I cared about him...
I WANT YOU.


Ryu made me feel things that I've never felt before
I don't feel alone for the first time.
FINDING THE TAPE OF MY PARENTS...
...MADE ME REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT RYU IS TO ME...

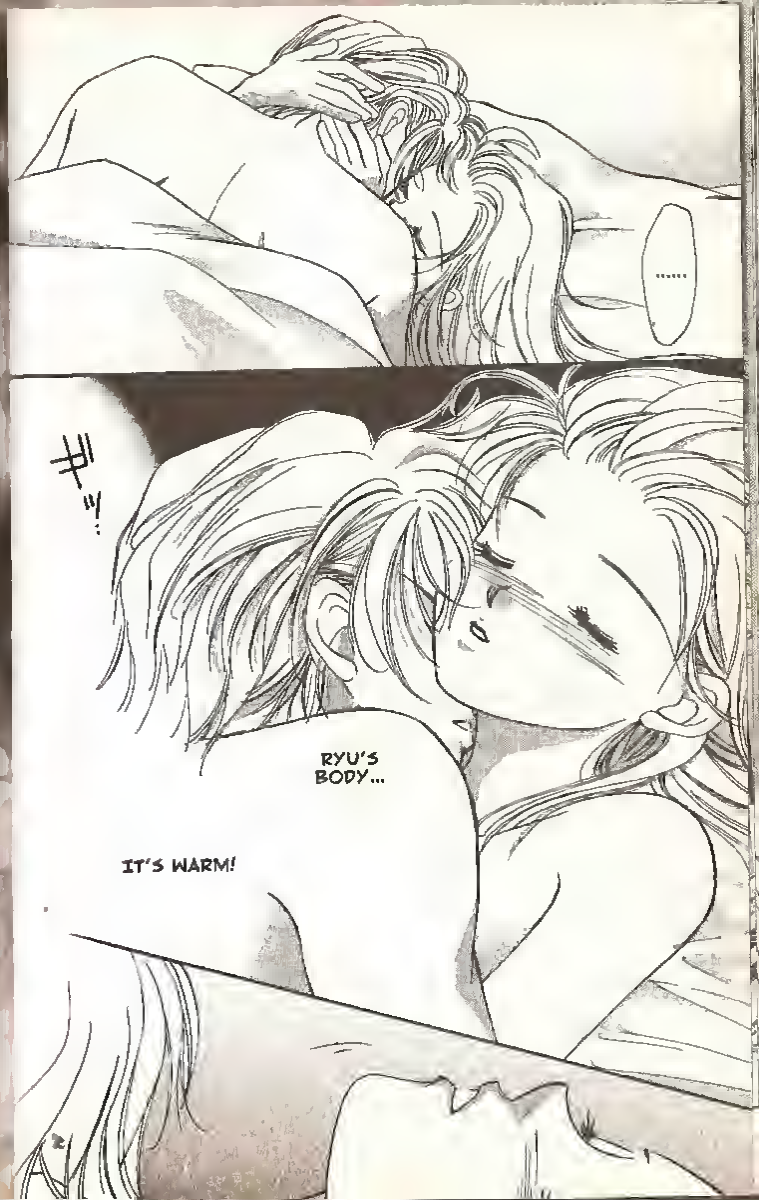

YES.
YOU'RE CHOOSING ME OVER AKIRA?
NO, IT'S NOT THAT.
DON'T DO THIS 'CAUSE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU OWE ME.


I FEEL THE SAME WAY.
SHH


RYU, YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON...
...IN MY LIFE.

OUCH!
Fading sleep
I love him...
...so much.

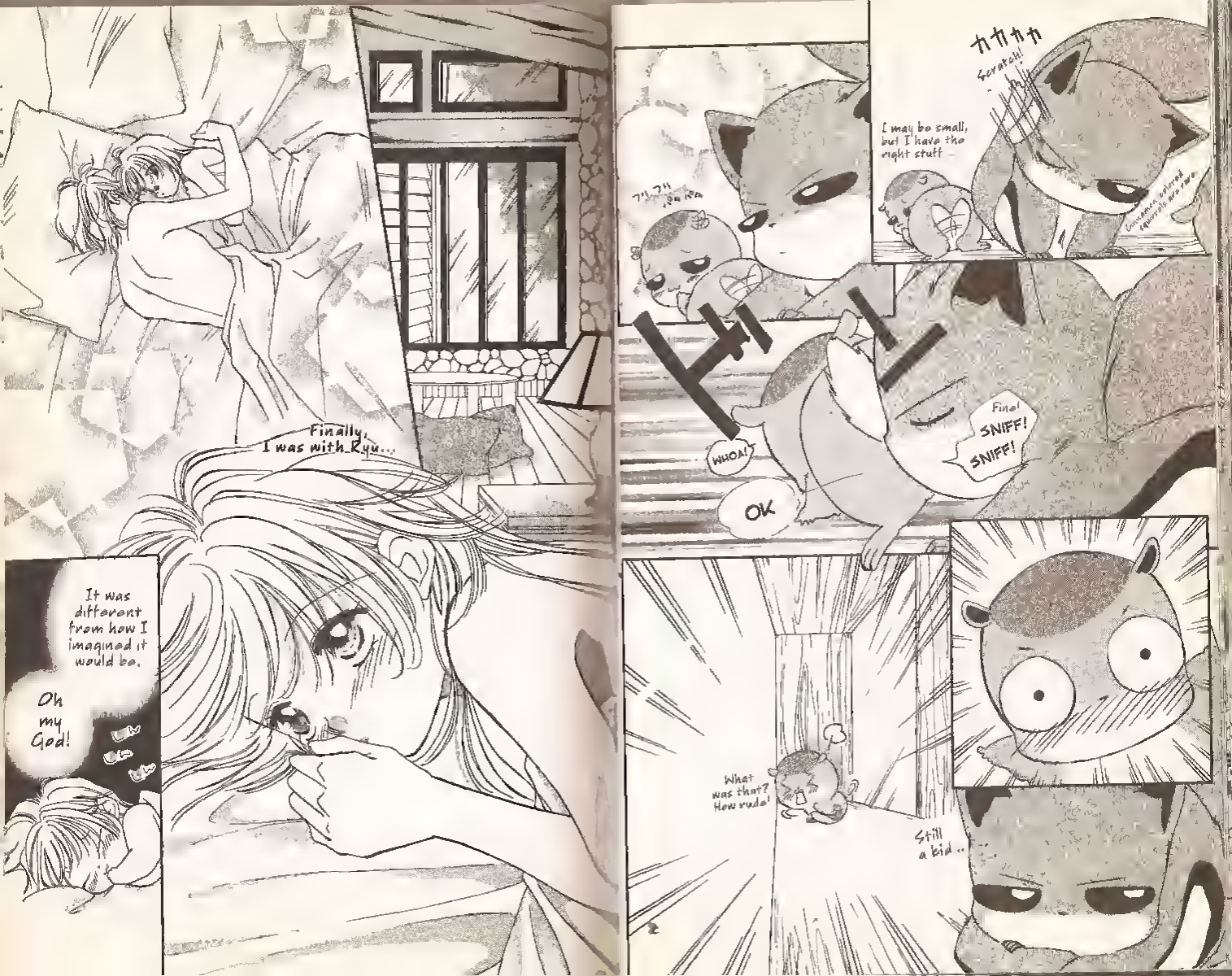
.....!!

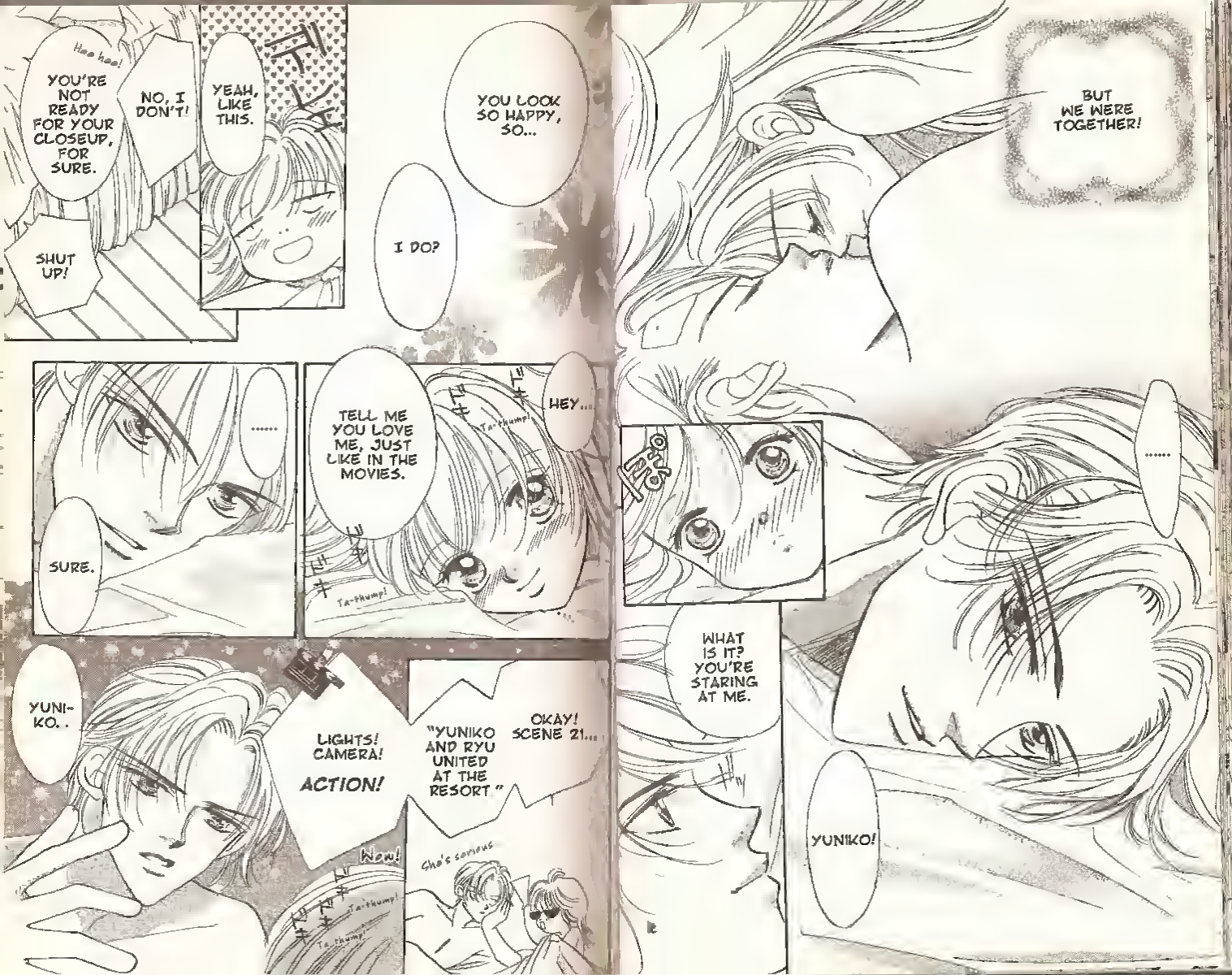

.....
RYU'S BODY...
IT'S WARM!

Goodbye, Akira.

My heart is filling with Ryu...

...as Akira slowly fades away.


Finally, I was with Kyu...
It was different from how I imagined it would be.
Oh my God!
Scratch!
I may be small, but I have the right stuff
Cinnamon colored squirrels are rare
Fina!
SNIFF! SNIFF!
WHOA!
OK
What was that? How rude!
Still a kid..


Hee hee!
YOU'RE NOT READY FOR YOUR CLOSEUP, FOR SURE.
NO, I DON'T!
YEAH, LIKE THIS.
SHUT UP!
YOU LOOK SO HAPPY, SO...
I DO?
BUT WE WERE TOGETHER!
.....
SURE.
TELL ME YOU LOVE ME, JUST LIKE IN THE MOVIES.
Ta-thump!
HEY...
Ta-thump!
.....
WHAT IS IT? YOU'RE STARING AT ME.
YUNIKO!
YUNI-KO. .
LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!
"YUNIKO AND RYU UNITED AT THE RESORT."
OKAY! SCENE 21...
Wow!
She's serious
Ta-thump!
Ta-thump!

Cinnamon Data

EVENING
4:00 PM
Wake up! Seems like Komui is up. Tries to kiss Komui, but gets ignored. Pees in her pants due to shock.

5:00 PM
Time for breakfast! Yuniko scalds her because she's o very finicky eater. Pees in her pants due to shock.

6:00 PM
Workout time! Follows Komui around, trying to learn how to fly. Unsuccessful. Pees in her pants due to depression.

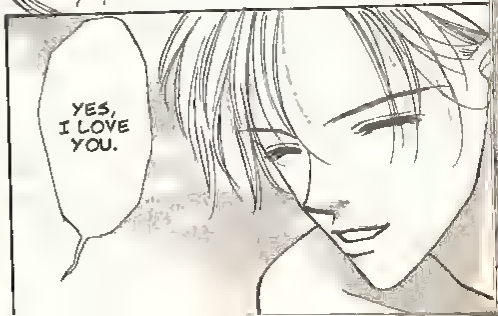
9:00 PM
Grooming fest! Scratch ond sniff body. If it smells funky, groom further.

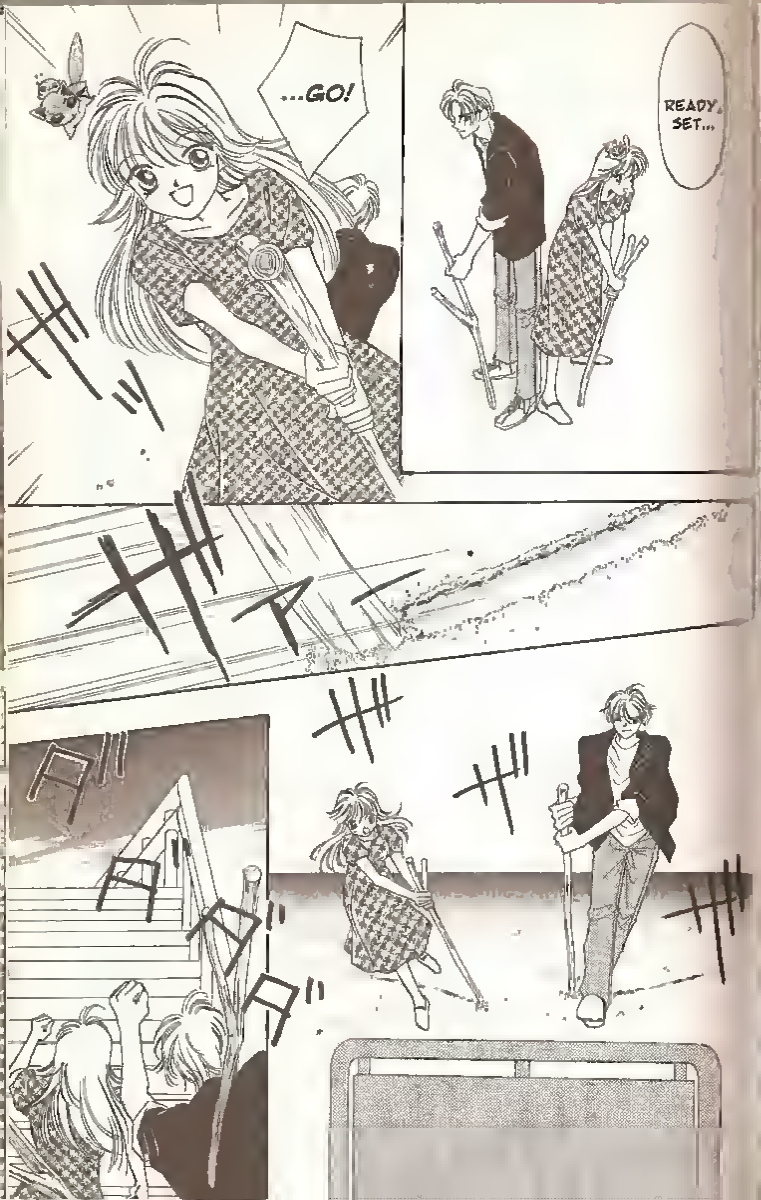
10:00 PM
Ploy with Yuniko. Yuniko olways plays with her very gently, and she loves it. Ryu says that she's "prissy." Pees in her pants due to onnoyance.

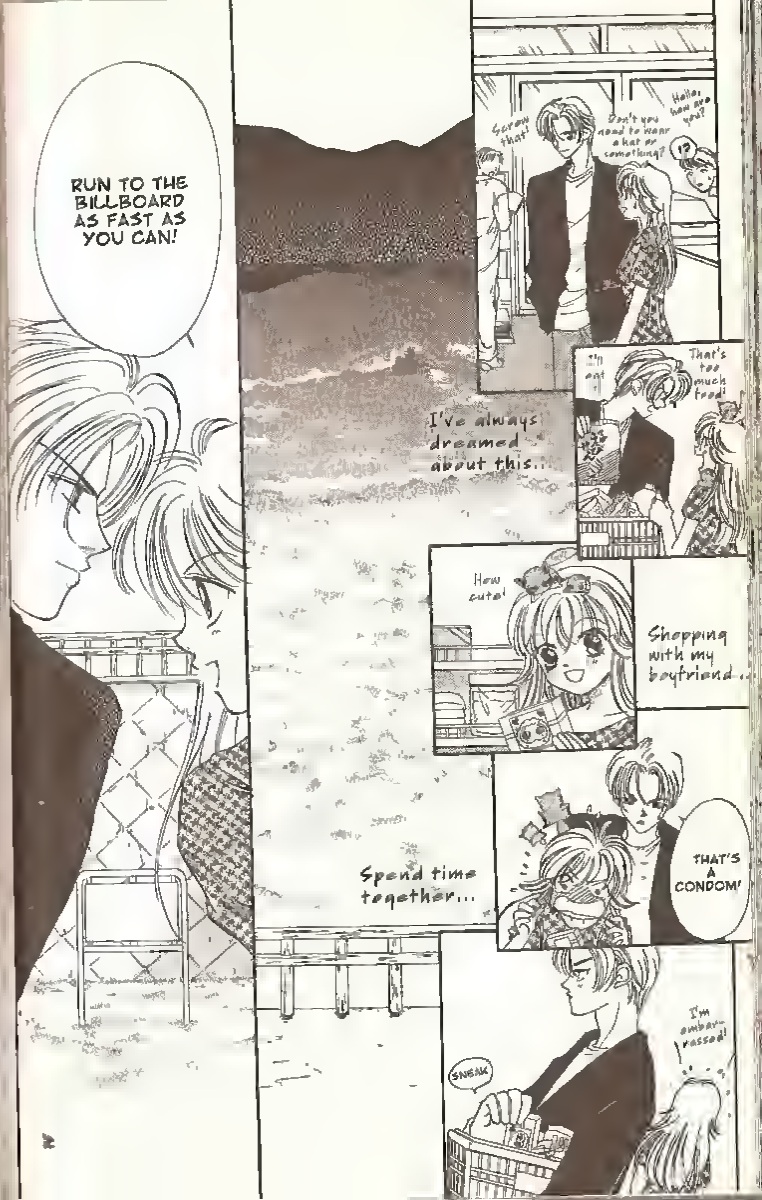
12:00 AM
Anybody hungry? The snack that she hid earlier is found and thrown out. Pees in her pants due to shock.

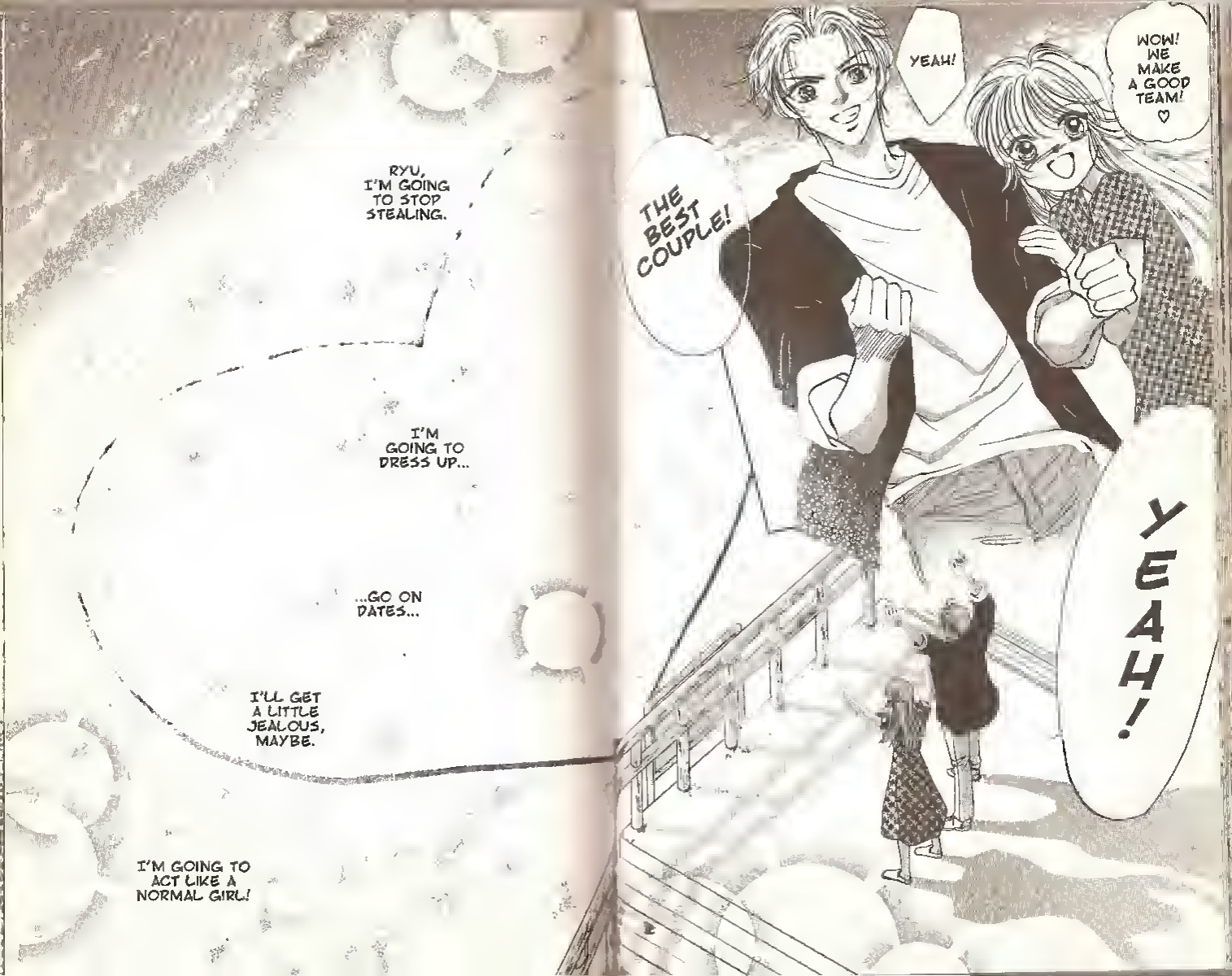
2:00 AM
Komui shores his snack with her. Pees in her ponts due to joy.

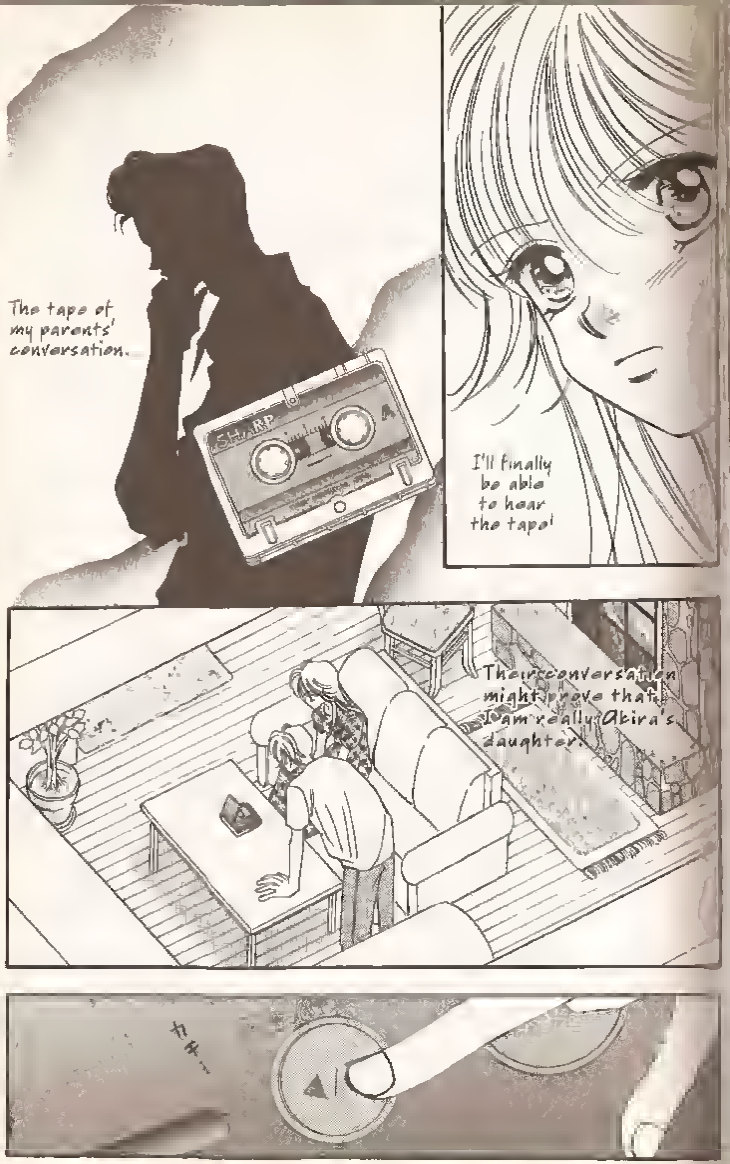
MORNING
7:00 AM
Bedtime ot last!

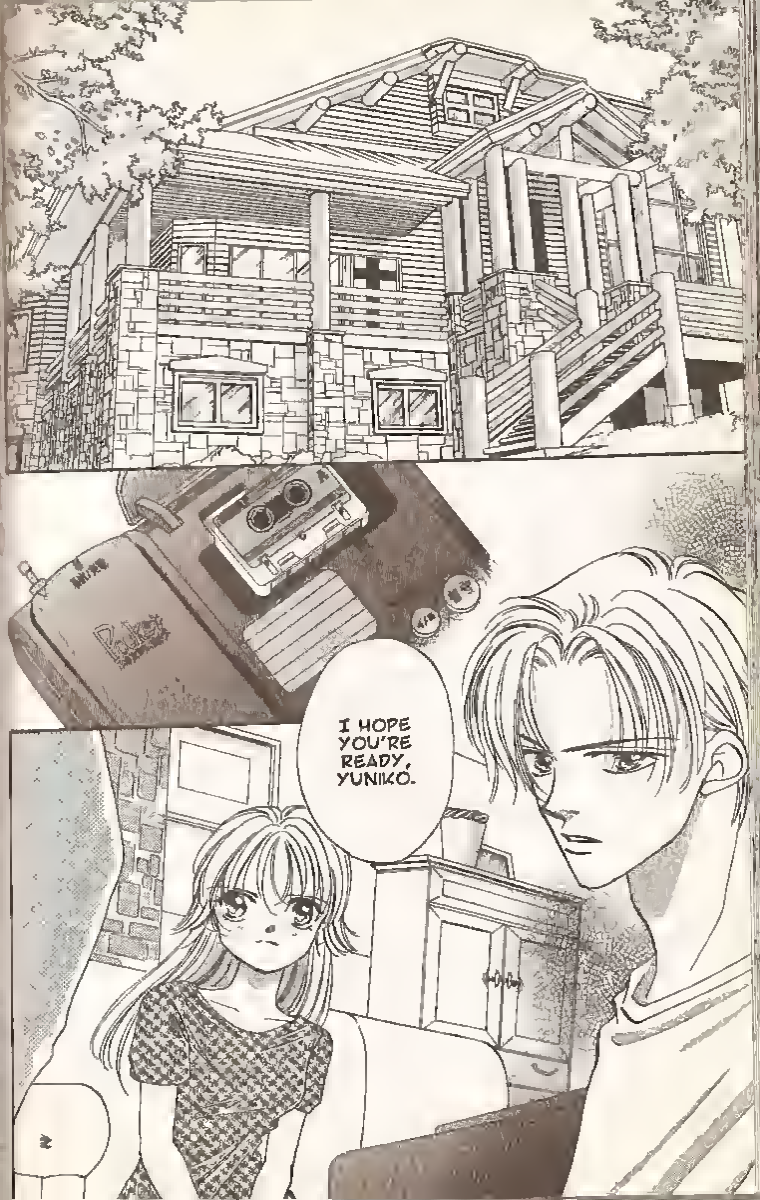


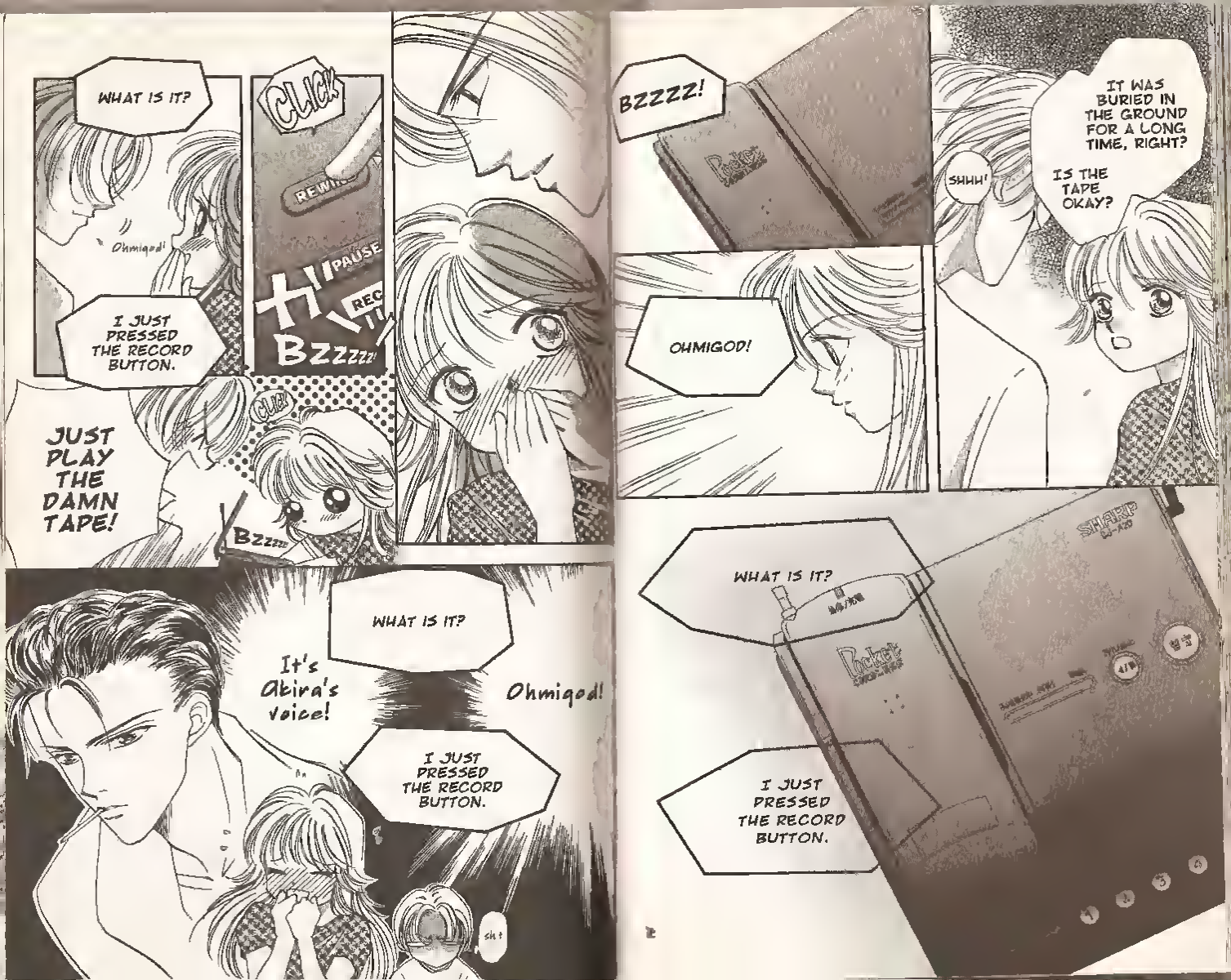

...GO!
READY, SET...
RUN TO THE BILLBOARD AS FAST AS YOU CAN!


Screw that!
Don't you need to wear a hat or something?
Hello, how are you?
I'll eat
That's too much food!
I've always dreamed about this...
How cute!
Shopping with my boyfriend...
Spend time together...
THAT'S A CONDOM!
SNEAK
I'm embarrassed!


RYU, I'M GOING TO STOP STEALING.
I'M GOING TO DRESS UP...
...GO ON DATES...
I'LL GET A LITTLE JEALOUS, MAYBE.
I'M GOING TO ACT LIKE A NORMAL GIRL!
YEAH!
WOW! WE MAKE A GOOD TEAM! ♡
THE BEST COUPLE!
YEAH!


The tape of my parents' conversation.
I'll finally be able to hear the tape!
Their conversation might prove that I am really Akira's daughter.
カチ…

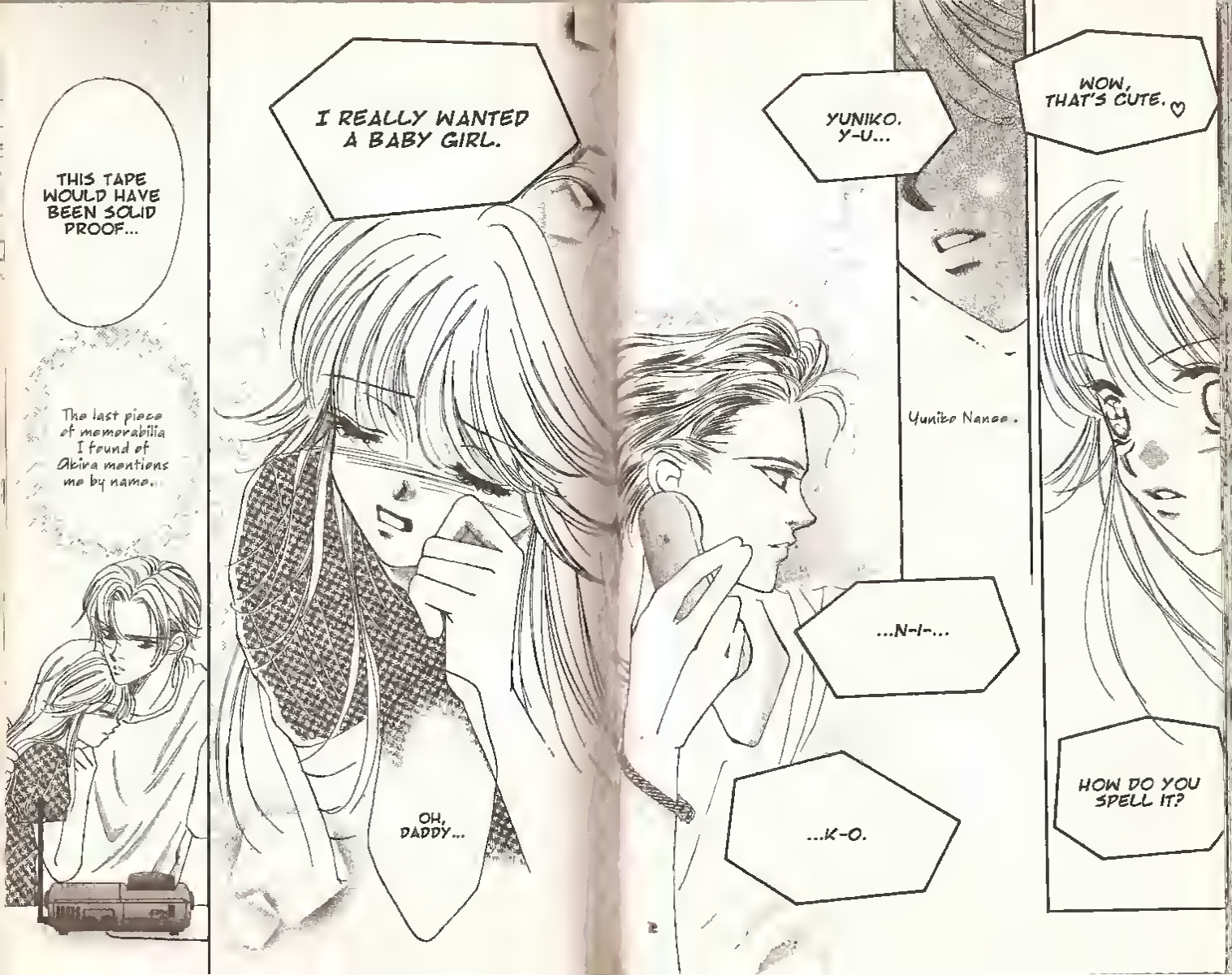

I HOPE YOU'RE READY, YUNIKO.

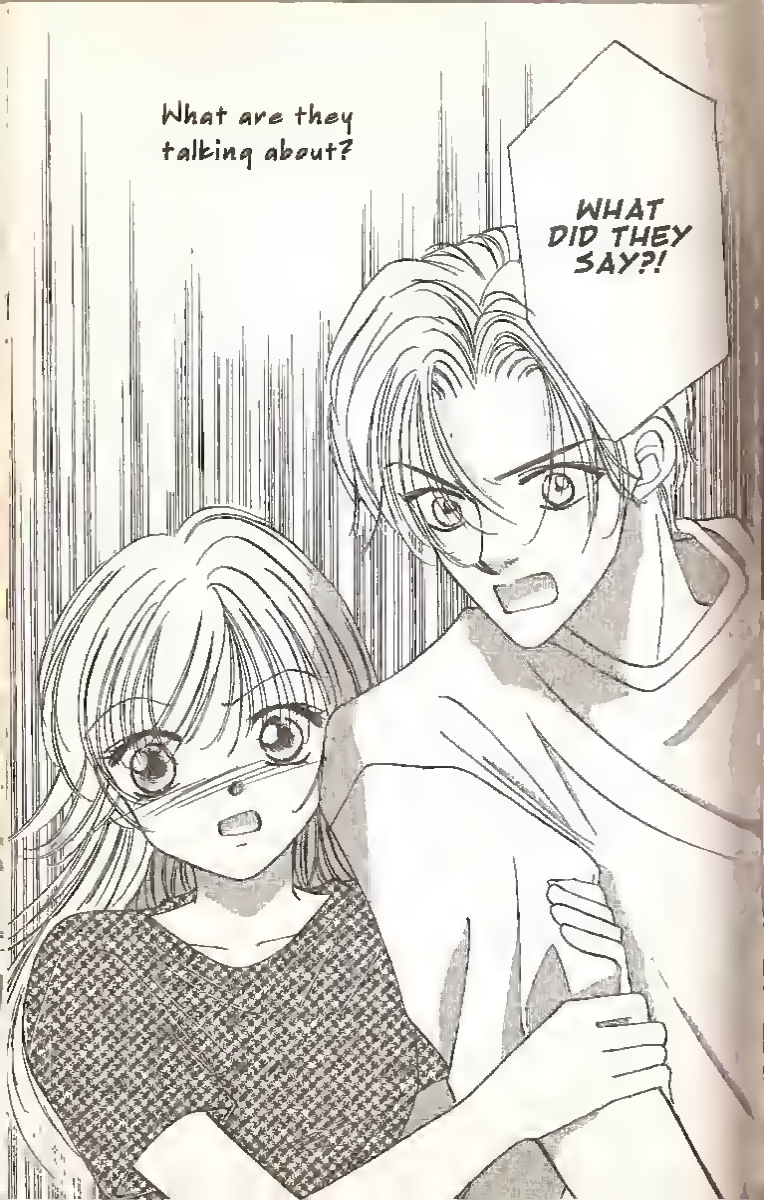

WHAT IS IT?
Ohmigod!
I JUST PRESSED THE RECORD BUTTON.
CLICK
REWIND
PAUSE
REC
Bzzzzz!
JUST PLAY THE DAMN TAPE!
Bzzzzz
WHAT IS IT?
It's Akira's voice!
Ohmigod!
I JUST PRESSED THE RECORD BUTTON.
sh t
BZZZZ!
OHMIGOD!
SHHH!
IT WAS BURIED IN THE GROUND FOR A LONG TIME, RIGHT?
IS THE TAPE OKAY?
WHAT IS IT?
I JUST PRESSED THE RECORD BUTTON.
SHARP

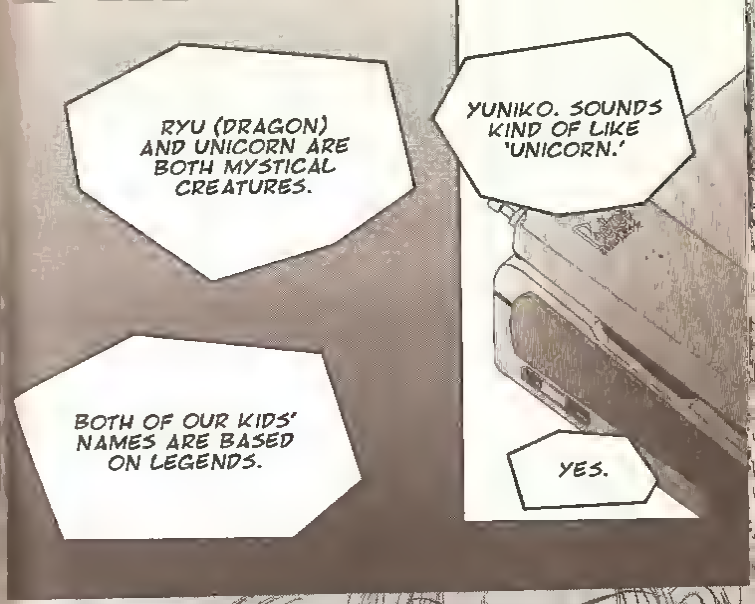
YUNIKO.
YUNIKO NANAE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

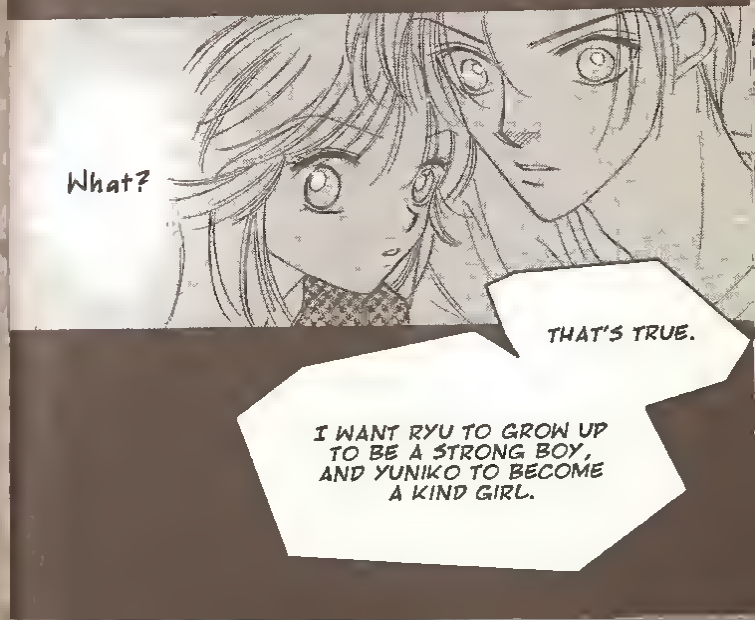
MAIKO.
MAIKO?
I HAVE A NAME FOR OUR BABY.
HE'S CALLING HER MAIKO!
REALLY?!

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
GOOD.
HOW ABOUT YOU, AKIRA? HOW'S THE MOVIE PUBLICITY GOING?
Oh...
He was still alive.
GREAT VOICE
I'LL BE BACK AFTER PROMOTING THE FILM IN EUROPE.


THIS TAPE WOULD HAVE BEEN SOLID PROOF...
The last piece of memorabilia I found of Akira mentions me by name.
I REALLY WANTED A BABY GIRL.
OH, DADDY...
YUNIKO. Y-U...
Yuniko Nanao.
...N-I-...
...K-O.
WOW, THAT'S CUTE. ♡
HOW DO YOU SPELL IT?


What are they talking about?
WHAT DID THEY SAY?!

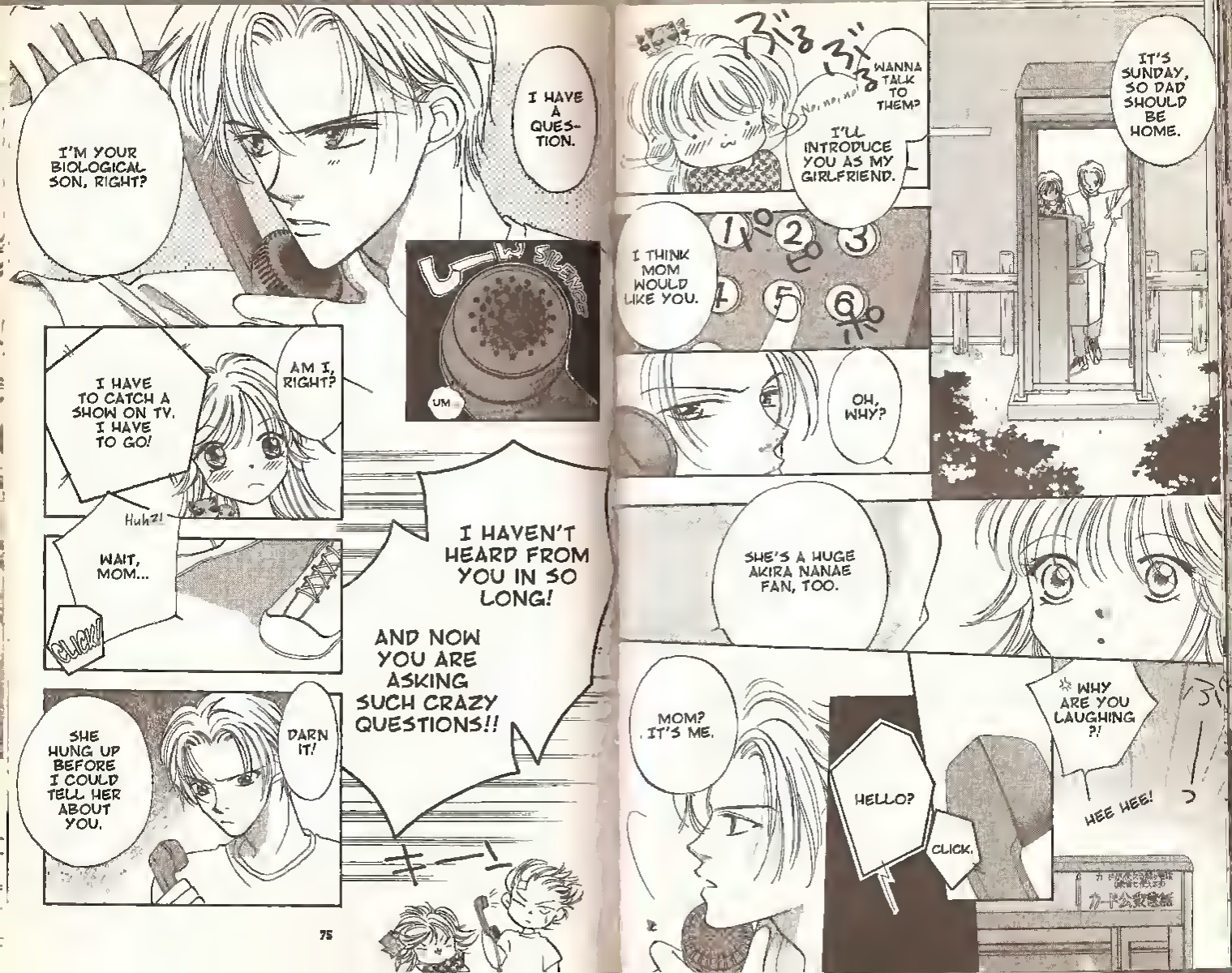

RYU (DRAGON) AND UNICORN ARE BOTH MYSTICAL CREATURES.
YUNIKO. SOUNDS KIND OF LIKE 'UNICORN.'
BOTH OF OUR KIDS' NAMES ARE BASED ON LEGENDS.
YES.


What?
THAT'S TRUE.
I WANT RYU TO GROW UP TO BE A STRONG BOY, AND YUNIKO TO BECOME A KIND GIRL.

CLICK
BZZZZZ
REW
RYU (DRAGON) AND UNICORN ARE BOTH MYSTICAL CREATURES.
CLICK
BZZZZZ
REW
RYU (DRAGON) AND UNICORN ARE BOTH MYSTICAL CREATURES
I KNOW THAT!
MY NAME IS RYU.
WHY ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT ANOTHER KID CALLED RYU?!
I KNOW THAT, DUMMY!
SOME-BODY'S NAME.
WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

RYU (DRAGON) AND UNICORN ARE BOTH MYSTICAL CREATURES.
Why did Akira mention Ryu's name!!

SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE A BROTHER.
MAYBE AKIRA HAS ANOTHER KID IN SECRET?
AN OLDER BROTHER NAMED RYU THAT LOOKS LIKE AKIRA...
STOP!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I HAVE A MOM AND DAD!
That's me.
This doesn't feel right.
Can this be just a coincidence?
Akira named his son Ryu.
My Ryu has been called this "near Akira Name."
COME WITH ME.
I'LL CALL HOME. LET YOU HEAR MY MOM'S VOICE.
THEY'RE YOUR AVERAGE, MARRIED COUPLE.

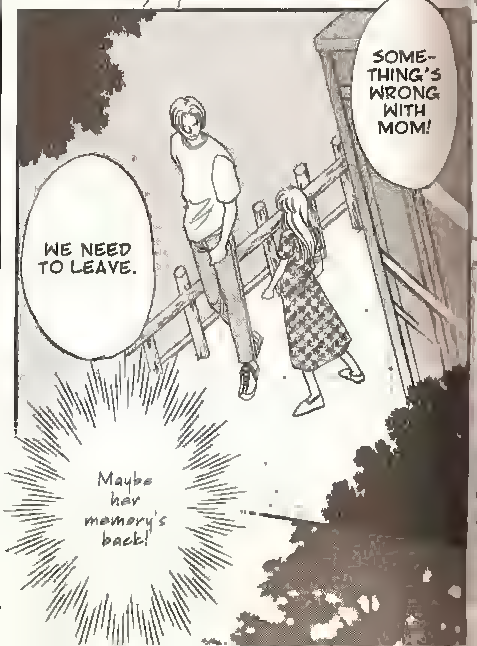

I'M YOUR BIOLOGICAL SON, RIGHT?
I HAVE A QUES-TION.
SILENCE
UM...
I HAVE TO CATCH A SHOW ON TV. I HAVE TO GO!
AM I, RIGHT?
Huh?!
WAIT, MOM...
CLICK!
I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU IN SO LONG!
AND NOW YOU ARE ASKING SUCH CRAZY QUESTIONS!!
SHE HUNG UP BEFORE I COULD TELL HER ABOUT YOU.
DARN IT!
No, no, no!
WANNA TALK TO THEM?
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU AS MY GIRLFRIEND.
I THINK MOM WOULD LIKE YOU.
OH, WHY?
IT'S SUNDAY, SO DAD SHOULD BE HOME.
SHE'S A HUGE AKIRA NANAE FAN, TOO.
MOM? IT'S ME.
HELLO?
CLICK.
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?!
HEE HEE!

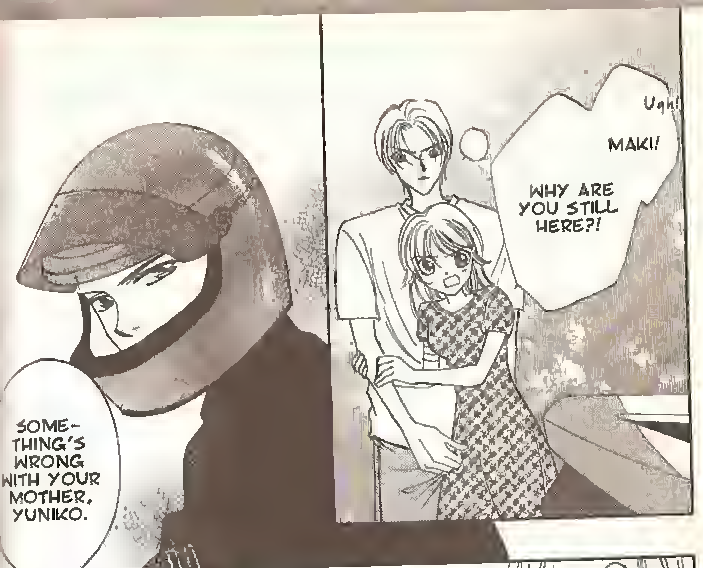
Should I ask her for more sex right now?
OH, BABY
There's no way he's related to me...
He's so cool
Love, love!
He's right. I'm just freaking out.
Love, love!
Love!
IS IT A GOOD IDEA TO BE GROPING EACH OTHER IN PUBLIC?
SEE?
I HAVE A MOM. YOU HEARD HER VOICE.
YEAH.
RYU IS A COMMON NAME.
THIS RYU IS YOUR BOYFRIEND, NOT YOUR BROTHER.

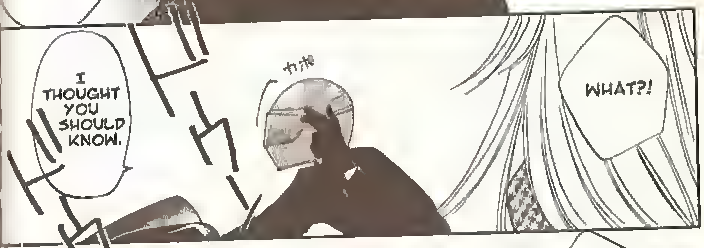
I alwoys wanted to write o message to my fareign fans!

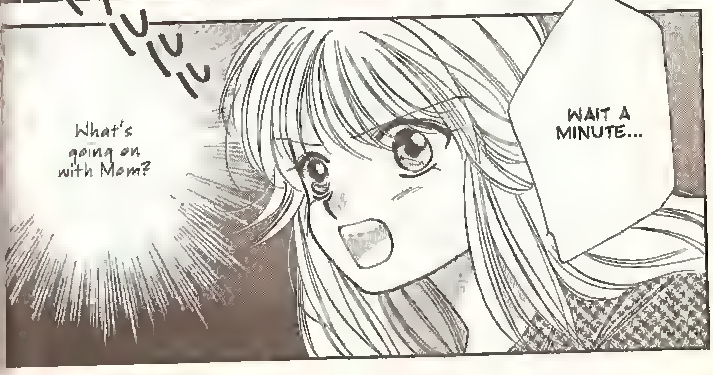
I use a lot of trendy expressions ond ollude to Jopanese commerciols, so when it's translated, it may not moke ony sense to you guys, but I hope you can overlook this ond keep reading!

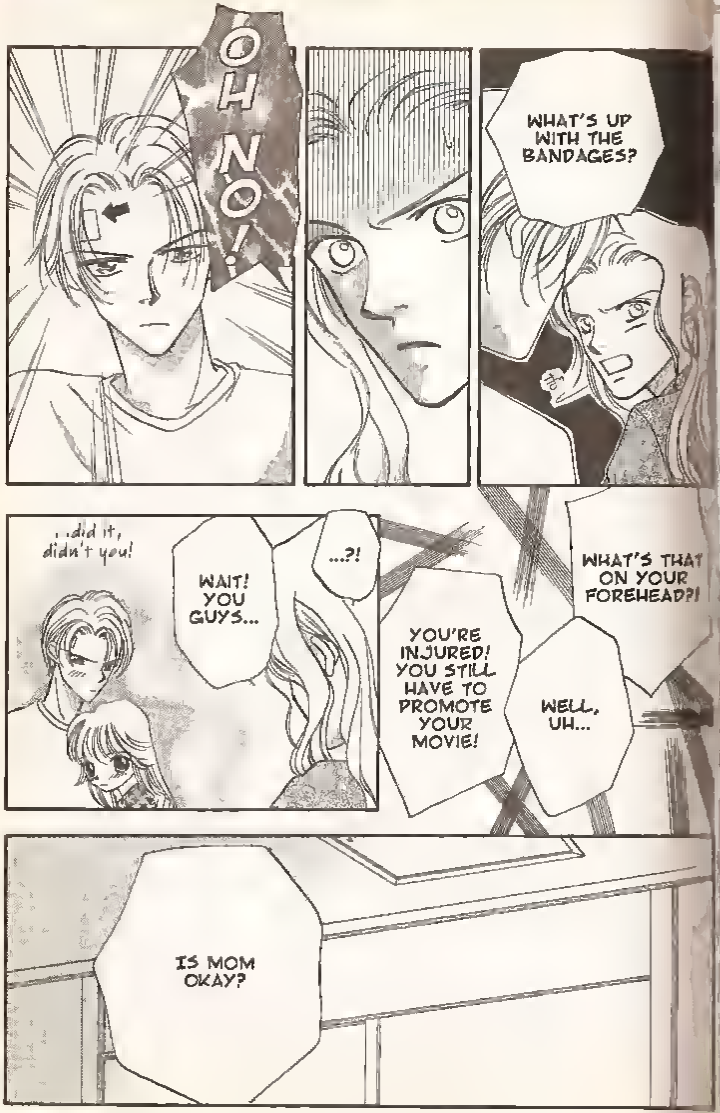
I'm sure you guys ore wondering why Yuniko turns into o sparrow or dove...

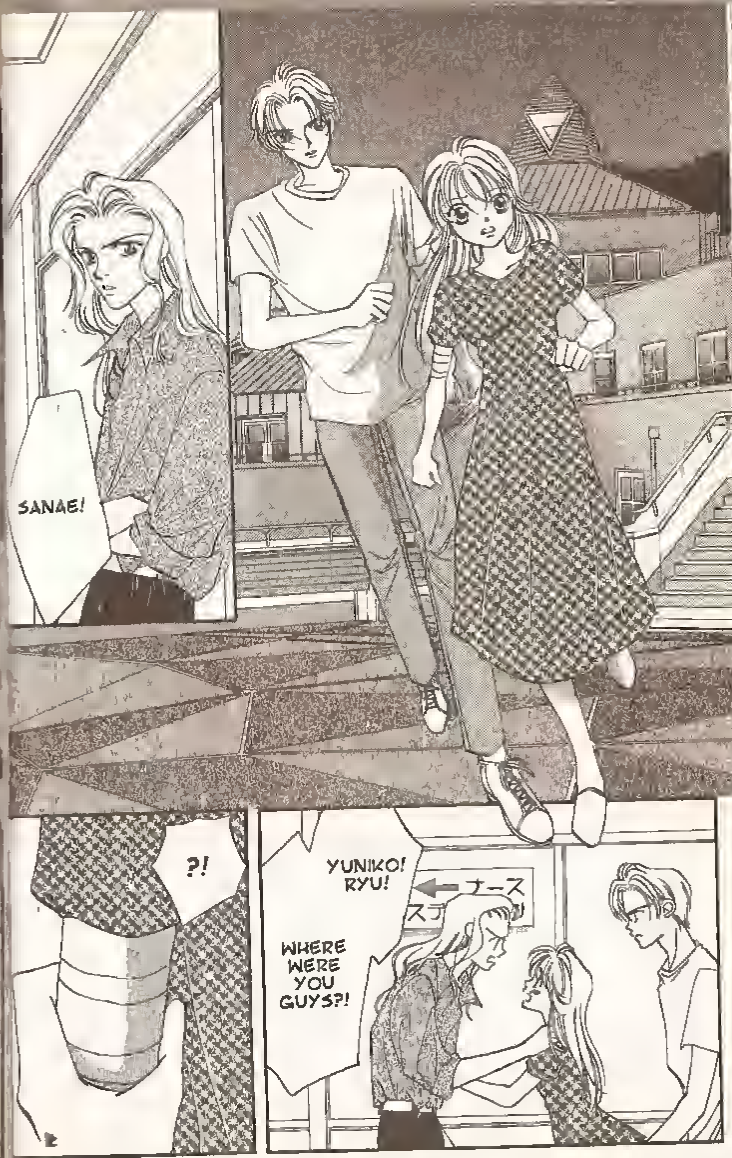






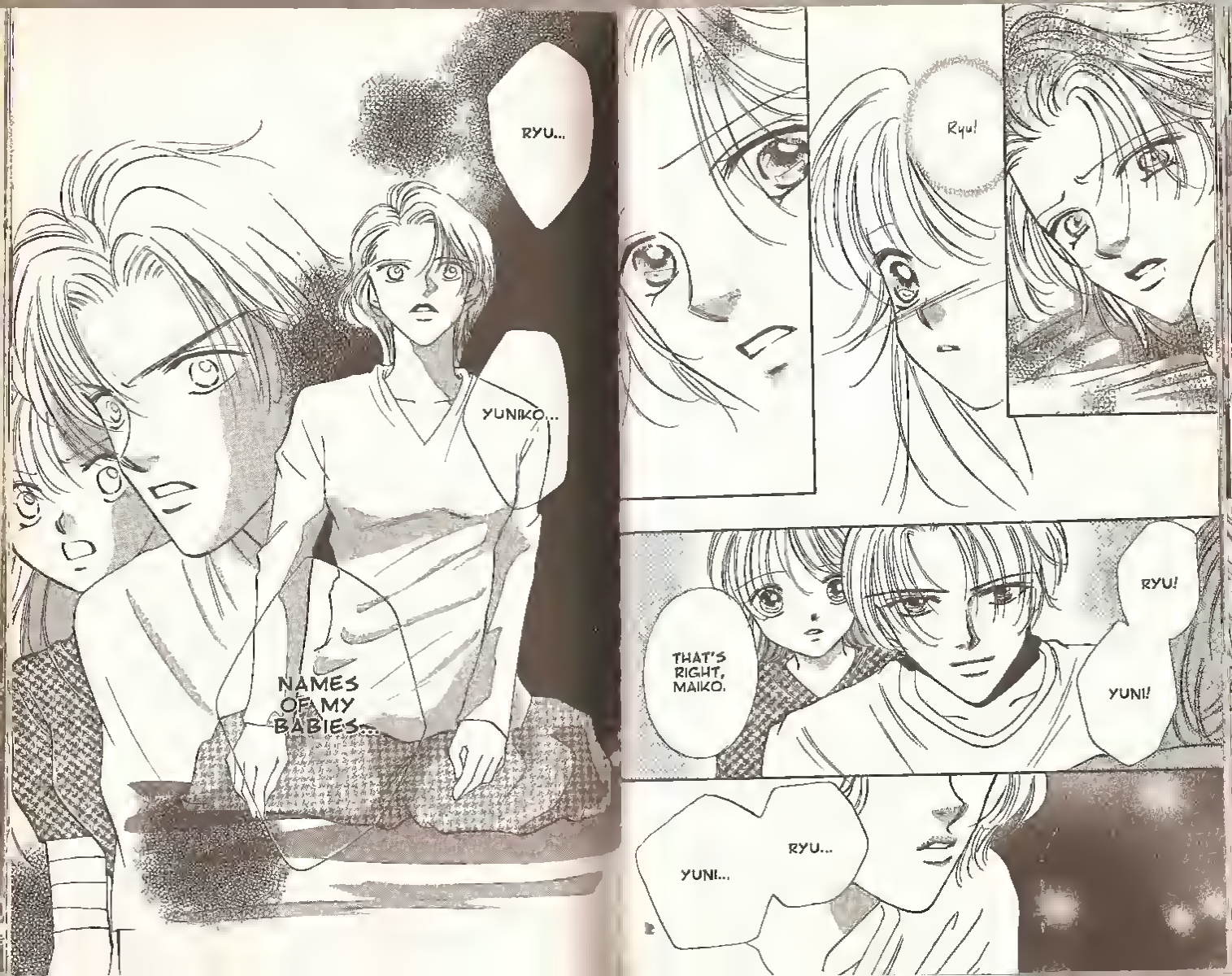



OH NO!
WHAT'S UP WITH THE BANDAGES?
WHAT'S THAT ON YOUR FOREHEAD?!
WELL, UH...
YOU'RE INJURED! YOU STILL HAVE TO PROMOTE YOUR MOVIE!
...?!
WAIT! YOU GUYS...
...did it, didn't you!
IS MOM OKAY?


SANAE!
?!
YUNIKO! RYU!
WHERE WERE YOU GUYS?!
ナース

THEY'RE DYING!
NOOOO!
THEY'RE ALL GOING TO DIE!
CRASH!
Mom...
JUST TAKE A DEEP BREATH.
ズ!
MAIKO.

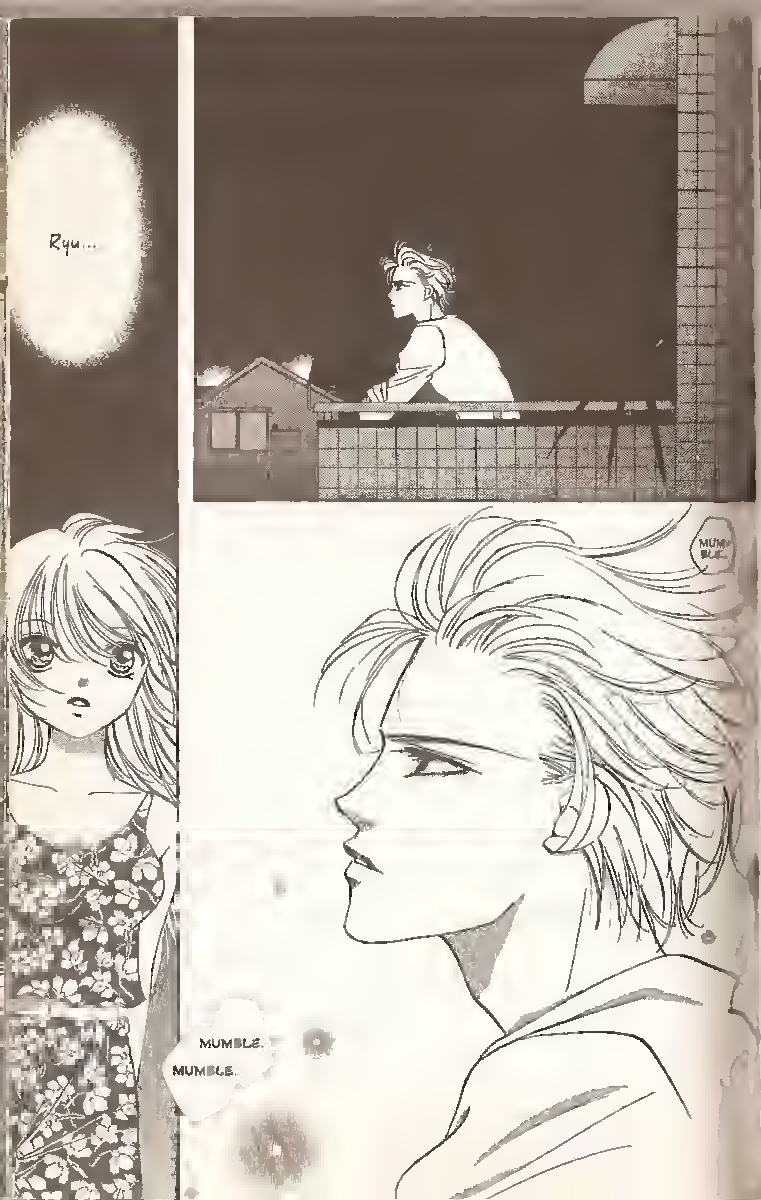
I'M SORRY. CURRENTLY, THE DOCTOR ISN'T ALLOWING ANY VISITORS DUE TO HER CONDITION.
HELP! SOME-BODY!
IS HER MEMORY COMING BACK?
ナナナ
WELL...
YEAH...
SHE WAS WATCHING A NEWS REPORT ABOUT AN AIRLINE ACCIDENT WHEN SHE LOST IT.
PLEASE CALM DOWN, MA'AM!
SOMEBODY, HELP THEM!
Airline
MAIKO!
MOM!
WAIT!
Dad died in an airline accident, too...

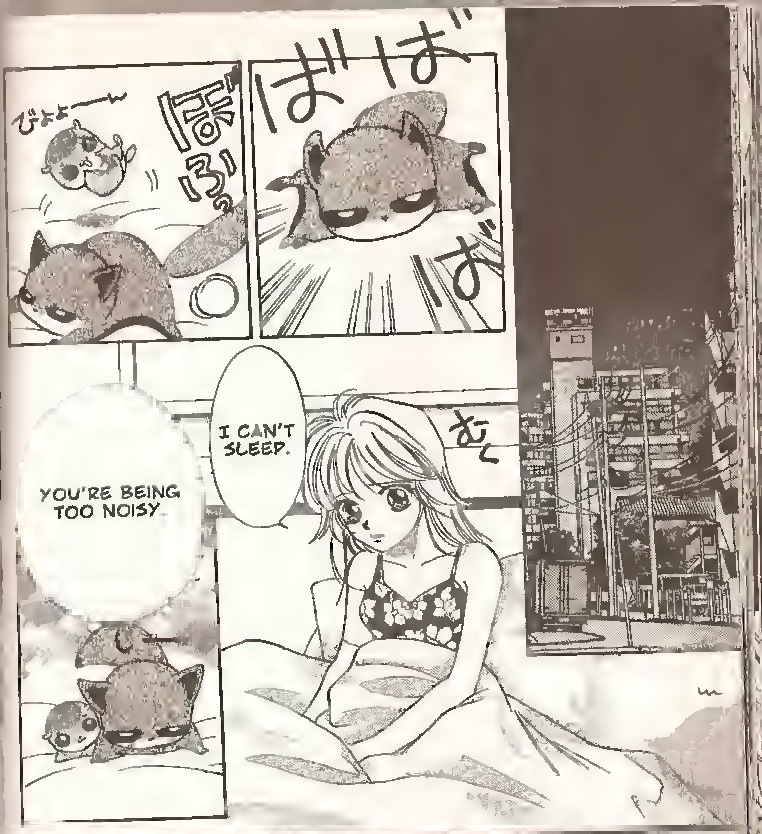

RYU...
YUNIKO...
NAMES OF MY BABIES...
Ryu!
RYU!
YUNI!
THAT'S RIGHT, MAIKO.
RYU...
YUNI...

...GOING ON?!
WHAT'S...
I can't believe I'm not Mom and Dad's only child...
Huh?! Read "Wild Act," Volumes 1-3!
FOR DETAILS, READ THIS.
I have a brother named Ryu!
It's true...
BUT I NAMED THEM RYU AND YUNIKO...
RYU!
IT'S OKAY. TRY TO RELAX RIGHT NOW.
CHILD-REN?
HOW COULD I HAVE CHILDREN?
MS. SAKU-RABA!
MAIKO, ARE YOU STARTING TO REMEMBER?!
MY BABIES ...

I NEVER HEARD THAT MAIKO HAD A CHILD NAMED RYU...
...WHILE SHE WAS THERE...
Everyone would immediately suspect Ryu of being my brother.
I'LL HAVE TO ASK TAKAO.
THAT CAN'T BE!
HA HA HA!
HEE HEE HEE!
I'M NOT HER BROTHER! GOT IT?
.....

IMPOSSIBLE!
RYU (DRAGON) AND UNICORN ARE BOTH MYSTICAL CREATURES.
THEY NEVER MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT ANOTHER CHILD?
THEY WERE LIVING IN L.A.?
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEM WHILE THEY LIVED IN L.A.
I'VE BEEN WATCHING AKIRA AND MAIKO SINCE I JOINED UAT WHILE I WAS STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL.
YOU'RE THE ONLY CHILD...
Originally, I wanted to be an actor, too
WHILE AKIRA WAS TRYING TO BREAK INTO HOLLYWOOD,
THEY LIVED TOGETHER IN L.A. FOR ABOUT A YEAR.


Ryu...
MUMBLE.
MUMBLE.
MUMBLE.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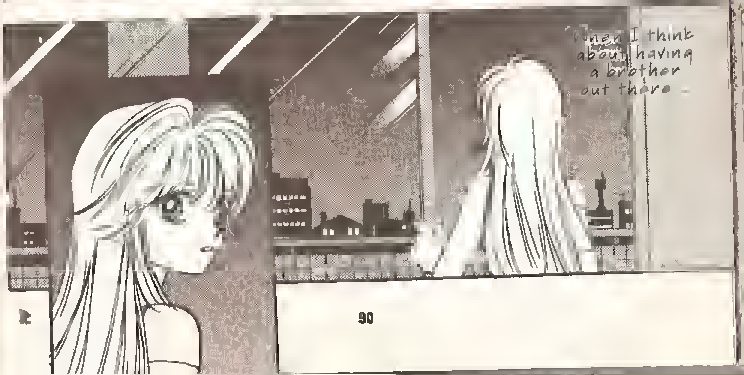
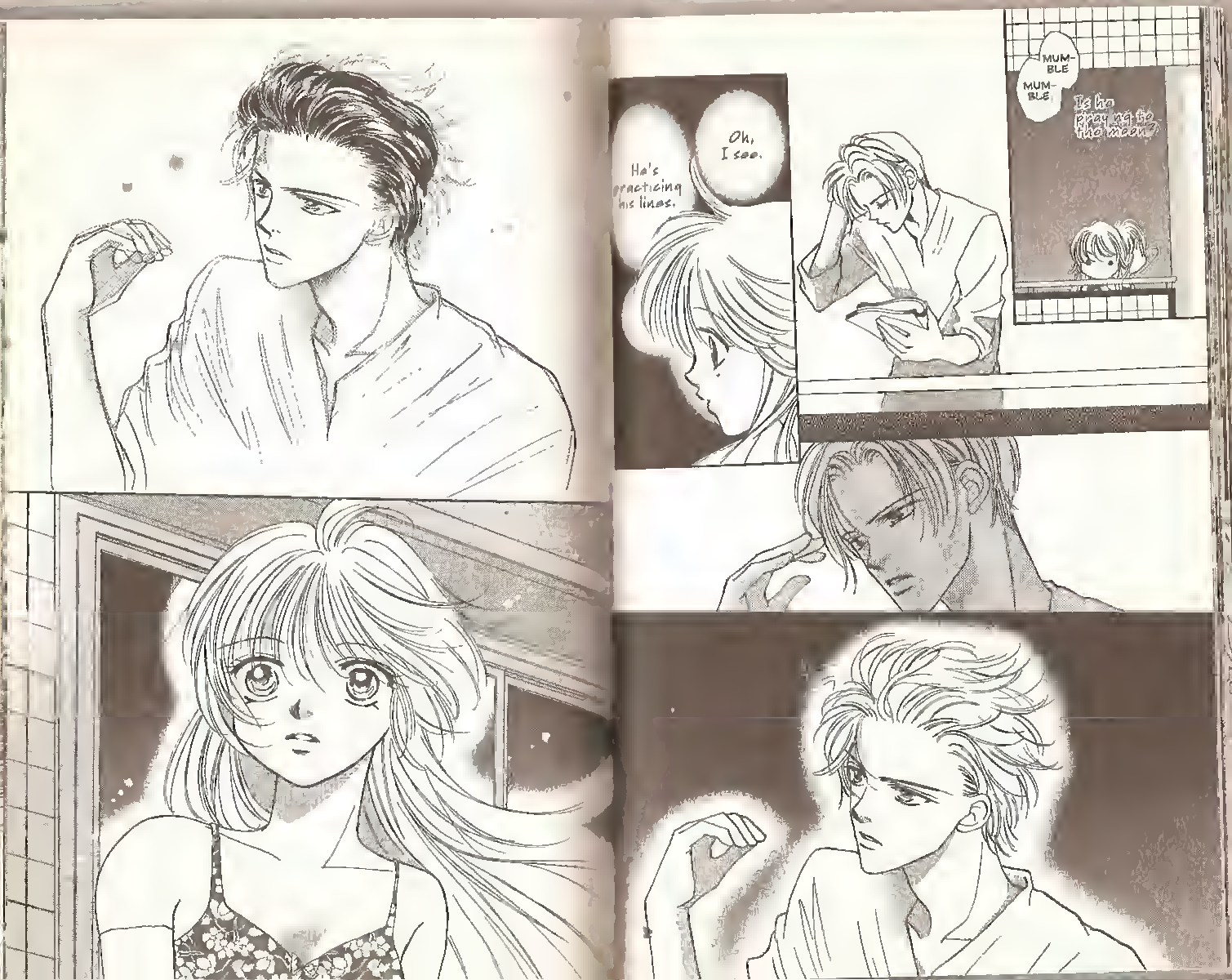
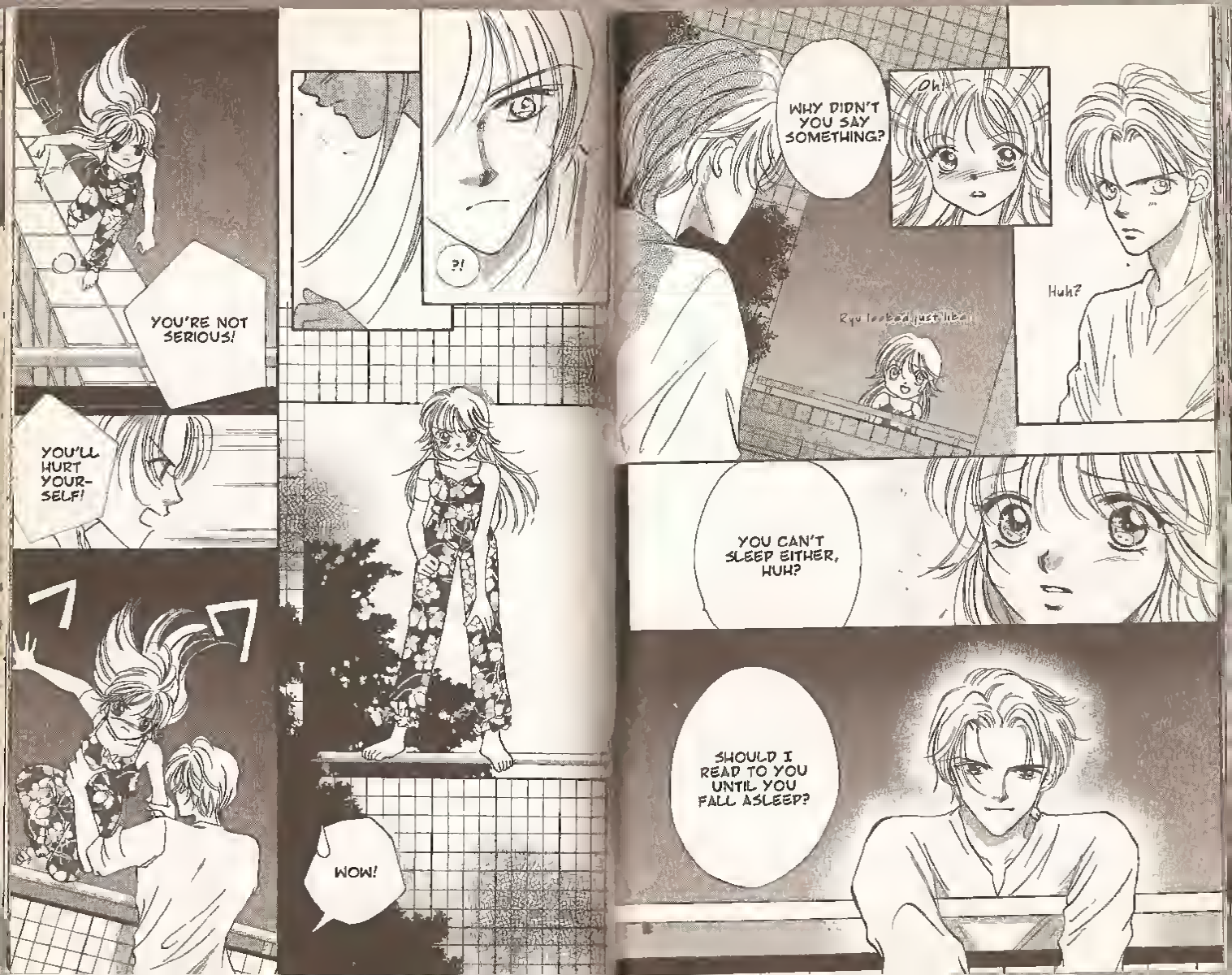
ばばば
I CAN'T SLEEP.
むく
YOU'RE BEING TOO NOISY.

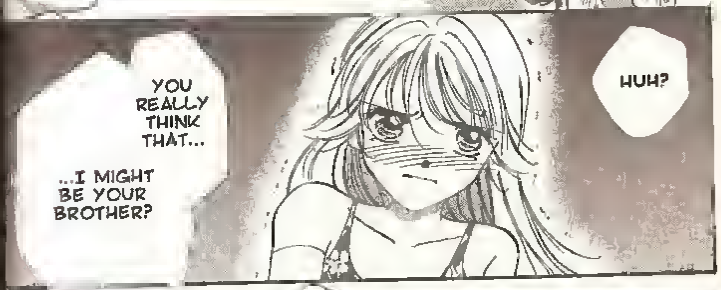

Sometimes I think about having a brother out there...


He's practicing his lines.
Oh, I see.
MUM-BLE
MUM-BLE
Is he praying to the moon?


YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS!
YOU'LL HURT YOURSELF!
?!
WOW!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING?
Oh!
Huh?
Ryu looked just like...
YOU CAN'T SLEEP EITHER, HUH?
SHOULD I READ TO YOU UNTIL YOU FALL ASLEEP?

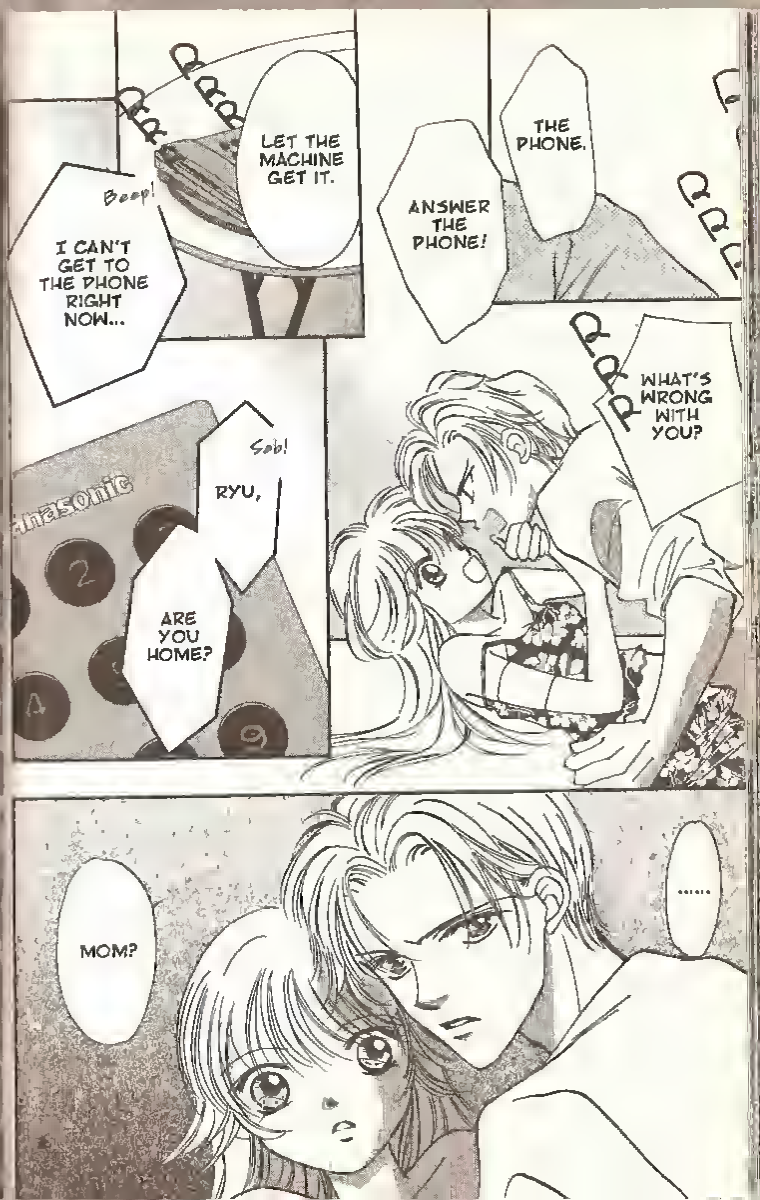
...
I WOULDN'T DO THIS IF I WAS YOUR BROTHER.
...
DARE
P.

YOU DO SOME CRAZY STUNTS.
Just knock on the door.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S CRAZY, RYU!
READ TO ME? THAT'S SOMETHING A BROTHER MIGHT SAY...
...NOT A BOYFRIEND!

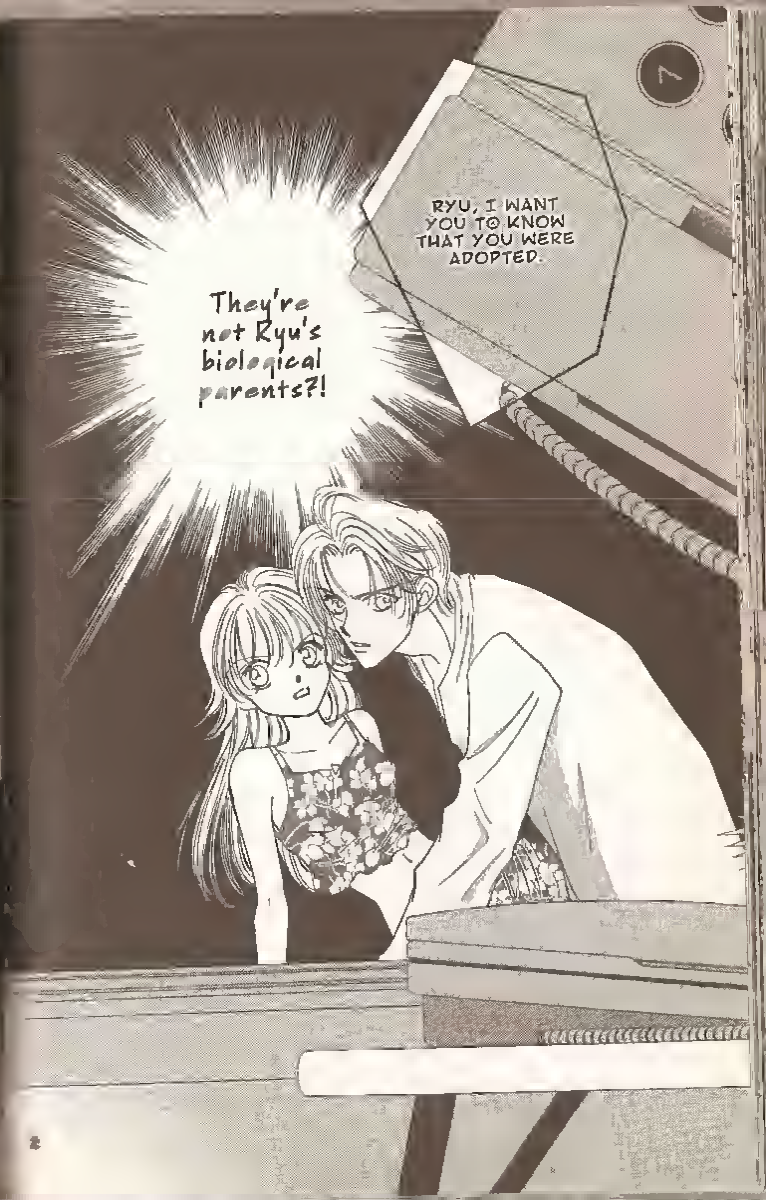

HUH?
YOU REALLY THINK THAT...
...I MIGHT BE YOUR BROTHER?

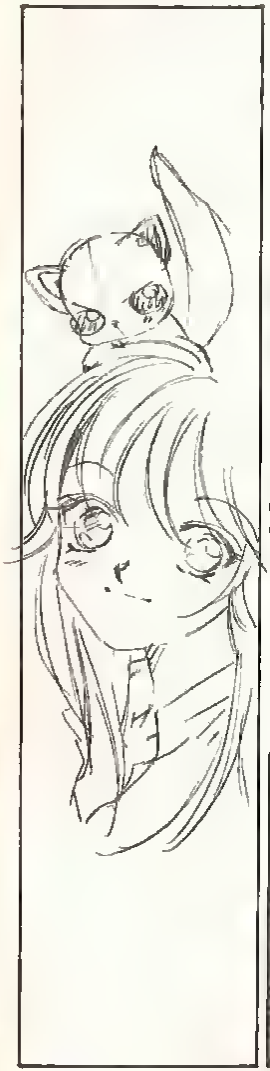
YOU HEARD MY MOM TALK ON THE PHONE.
BUT YOU MEET ALL THE PREREQUI-SITES...
I'M NOT.

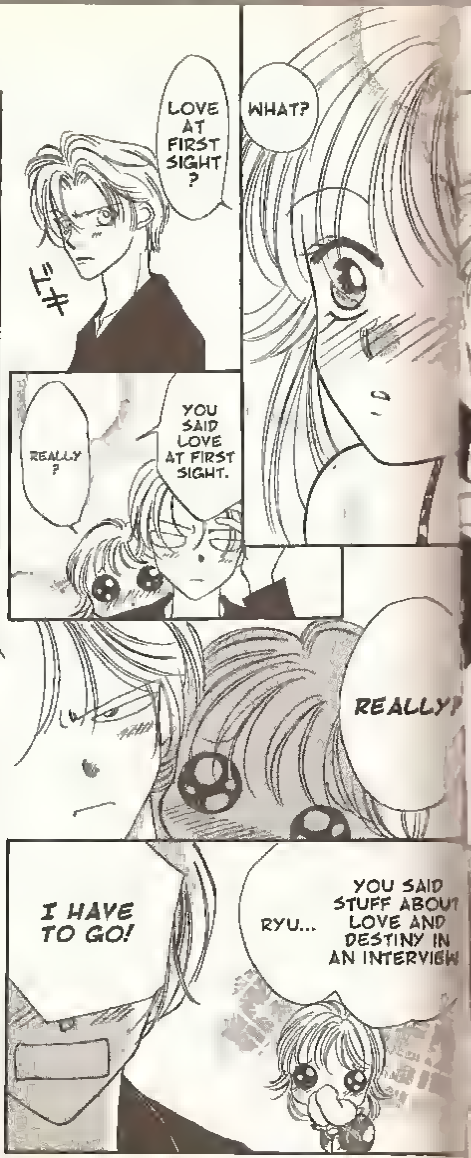
I'M SORRY.
I'VE BEEN PLANNING TO TELL YOU FOR A LONG TIME.
LIKE YOU SAID...
RYU, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU WERE ADOPTED.


LET THE MACHINE GET IT.
Beep!
I CAN'T GET TO THE PHONE RIGHT NOW...
THE PHONE.
ANSWER THE PHONE!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
Sob!
RYU,
ARE YOU HOME?
MOM?
.....

I COULDN'T TELL YOU WHEN YOU ASKED ME ON THE PHONE BUT—
That means...
MOM!
RYU, YOU'RE HOME?!
MOM, DON'T CRY.
This isn't happening!


RYU, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU WERE ADOPTED.
They're not Ryu's biological parents?!




LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?
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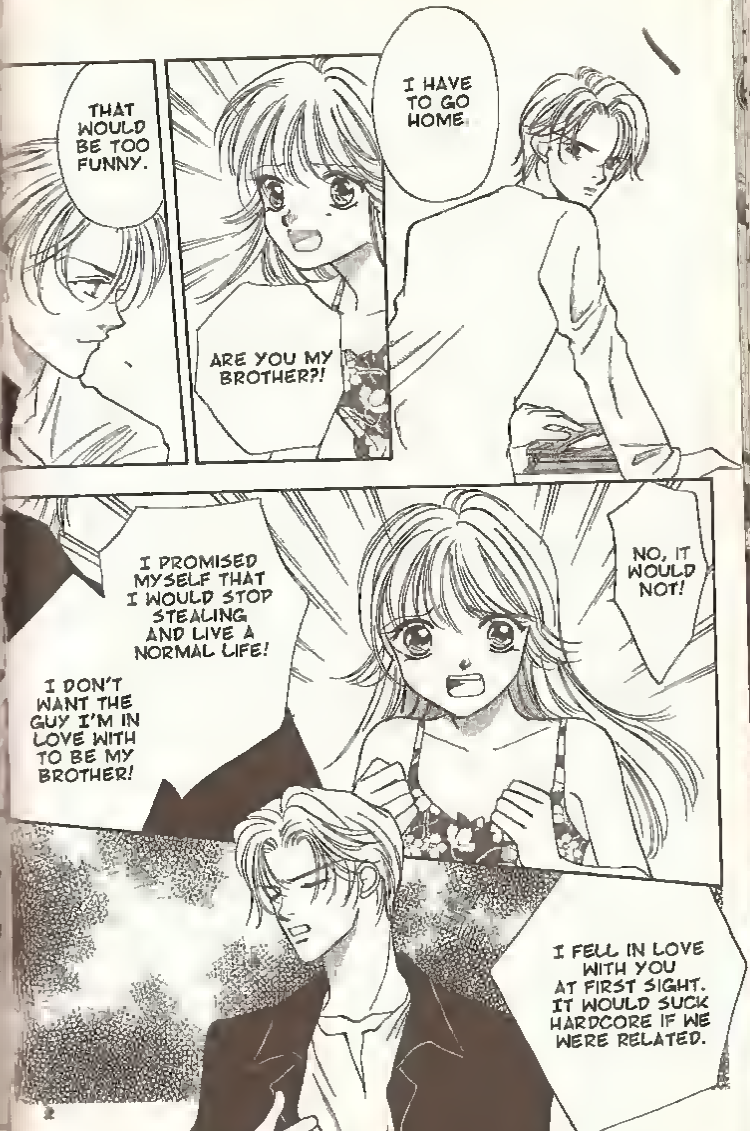
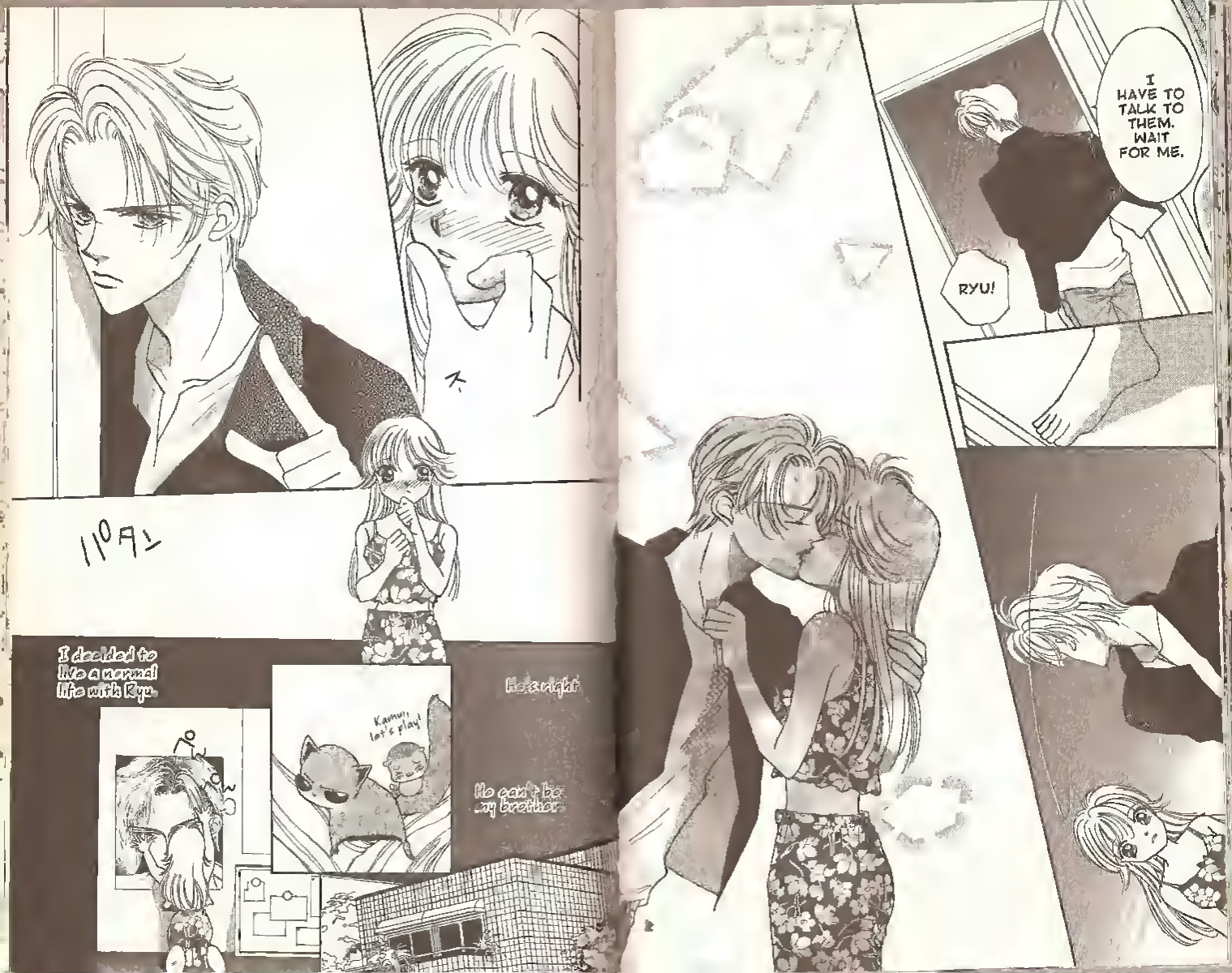
WHAT?
YOU SAID LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.
REALLY?
REALLY?
I HAVE TO GO!
RYU...
YOU SAID STUFF ABOUT LOVE AND DESTINY IN AN INTERVIEW


I HAVE TO GO HOME.
ARE YOU MY BROTHER?!
THAT WOULD BE TOO FUNNY.
I PROMISED MYSELF THAT I WOULD STOP STEALING AND LIVE A NORMAL LIFE!
I DON'T WANT THE GUY I'M IN LOVE WITH TO BE MY BROTHER!
NO, IT WOULD NOT!
I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU AT FIRST SIGHT. IT WOULD SUCK HARDCORE IF WE WERE RELATED.


I HAVE TO TALK TO THEM. WAIT FOR ME.
RYU!
I decided to live a normal life with Ryu.
Kamui, let's play!
He's right.
He can't be my brother.

COME ON!
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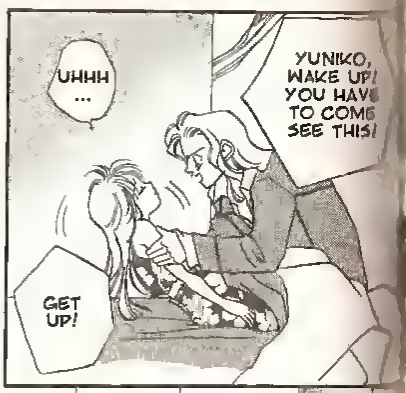
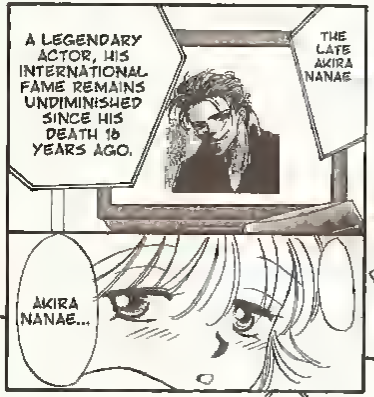
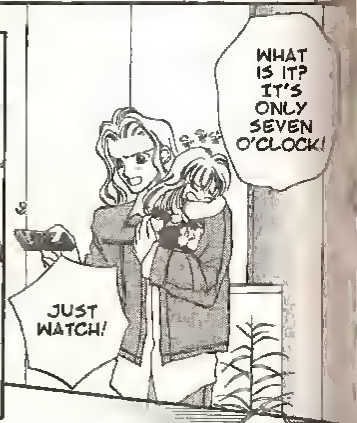
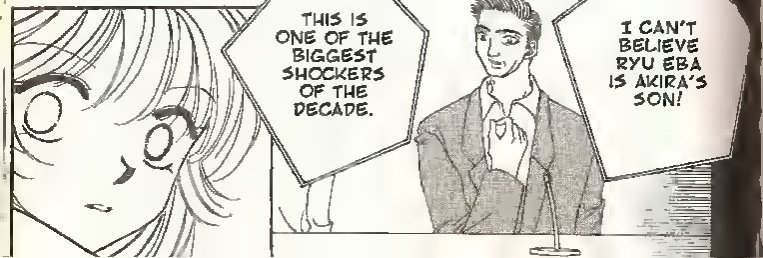
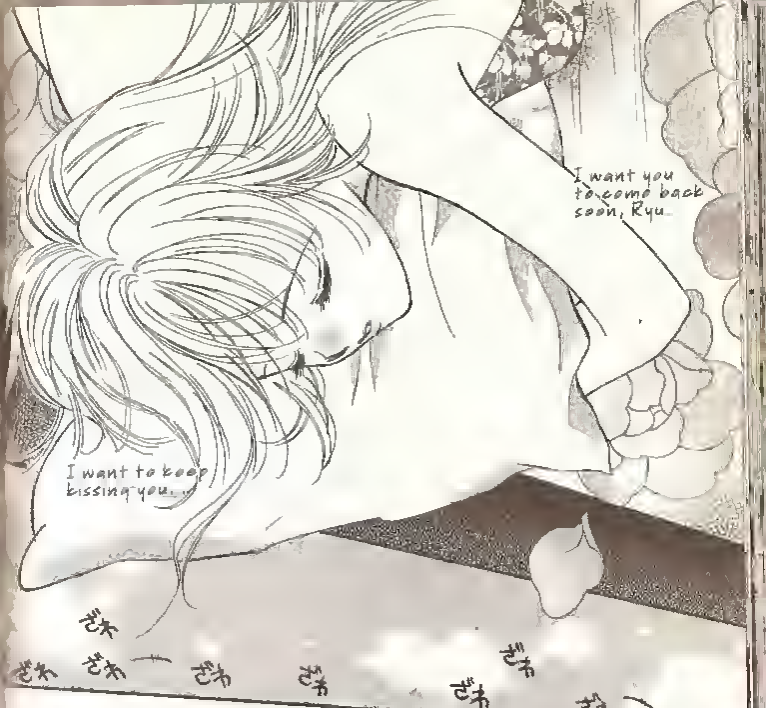
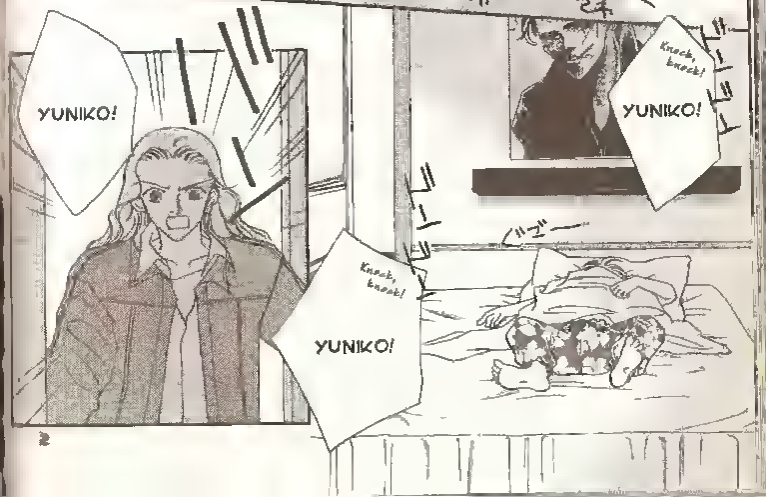

UHHH ...
YUNIKO, WAKE UP! YOU HAVE TO COME SEE THIS!
GET UP!


A LEGENDARY ACTOR, HIS INTERNATIONAL FAME REMAINS UNDIMINISHED SINCE HIS DEATH 18 YEARS AGO.
THE LATE AKIRA NANAE
AKIRA NANAE...


WHAT IS IT? IT'S ONLY SEVEN O'CLOCK!
JUST WATCH!


THIS IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST SHOCKERS OF THE DECADE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE RYU EBA IS AKIRA'S SON!


I want you to come back soon, Ryu...
I want to keep kissing you...
ざわ ざわ ざわ ざわ ざわ ざわ


YUNIKO!
Knock, knock!
YUNIKO!
Knock, knock!
YUNIKO!
バン
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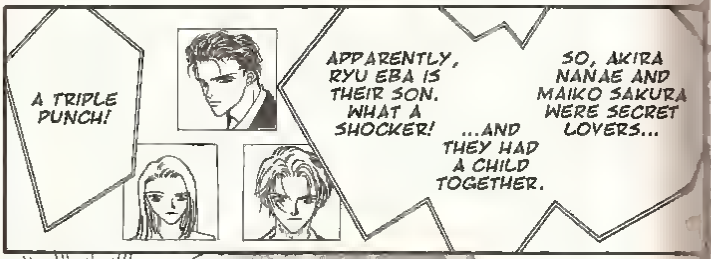
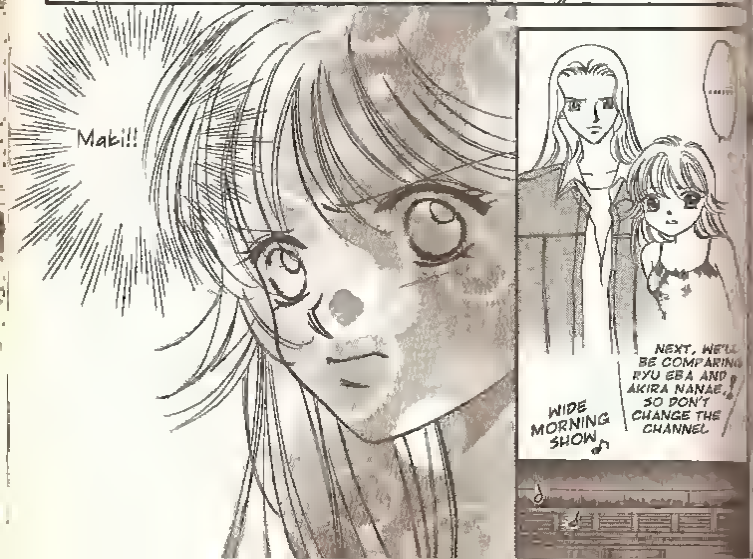
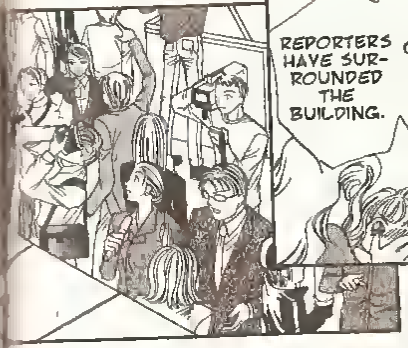
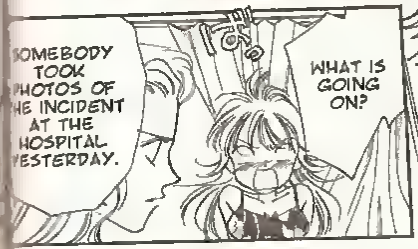
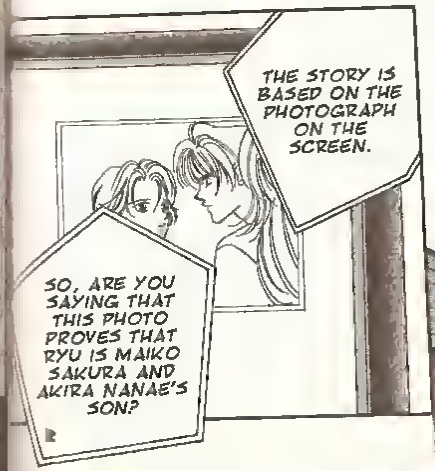
WOW!
WELL,
MAIKO SAKURA APPARENTLY ADMITTED THAT RYU EBA WAS HER SON AT THE SCENE


A TRIPLE PUNCH!
APPARENTLY, RYU EBA IS THEIR SON. WHAT A SHOCKER!
...AND THEY HAD A CHILD TOGETHER.
SO, AKIRA NANAE AND MAIKO SAKURA WERE SECRET LOVERS...

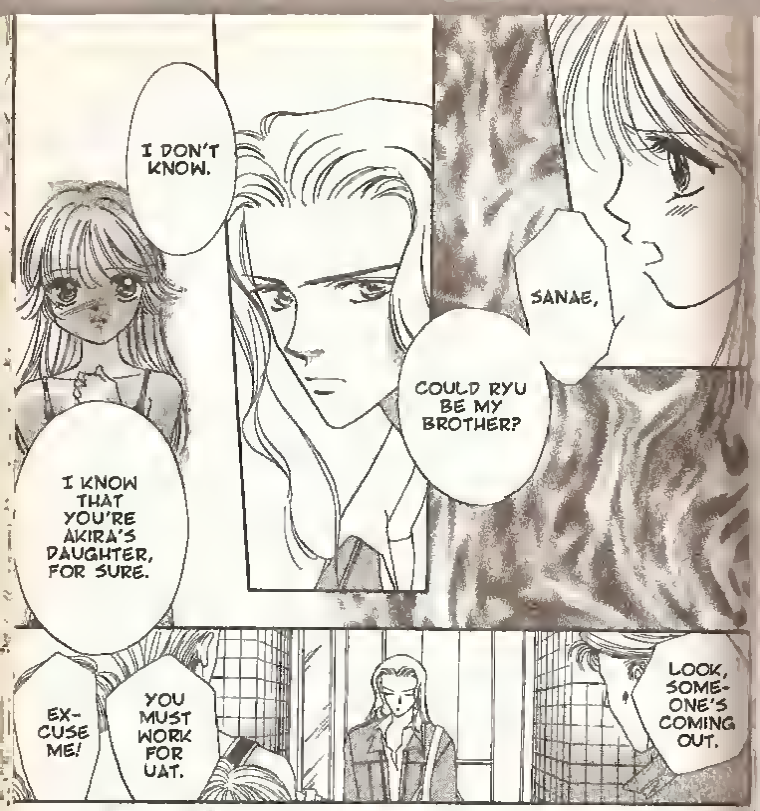

Maki!!
WIDE MORNING SHOW
NEXT, WE'LL BE COMPARING RYU EBA AND AKIRA NANAE. SO DON'T CHANGE THE CHANNEL

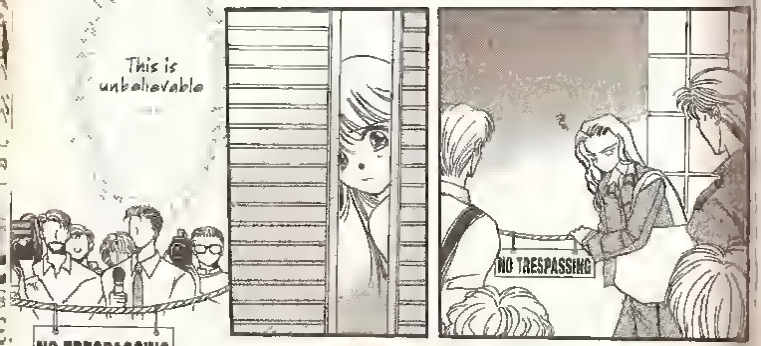

BE VERY QUIET, YUN!
REPORTERS HAVE SURROUNDED THE BUILDING.

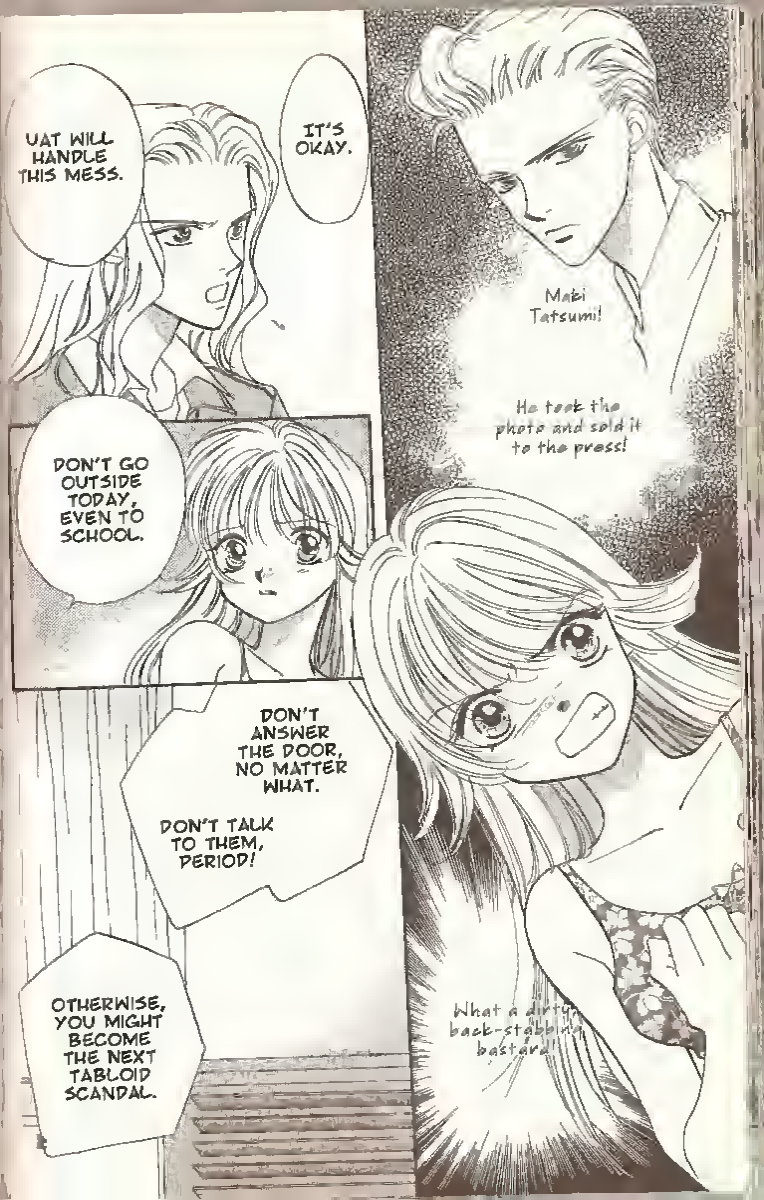

WHAT IS GOING ON?
SOMEBODY TOOK PHOTOS OF THE INCIDENT AT THE HOSPITAL YESTERDAY.

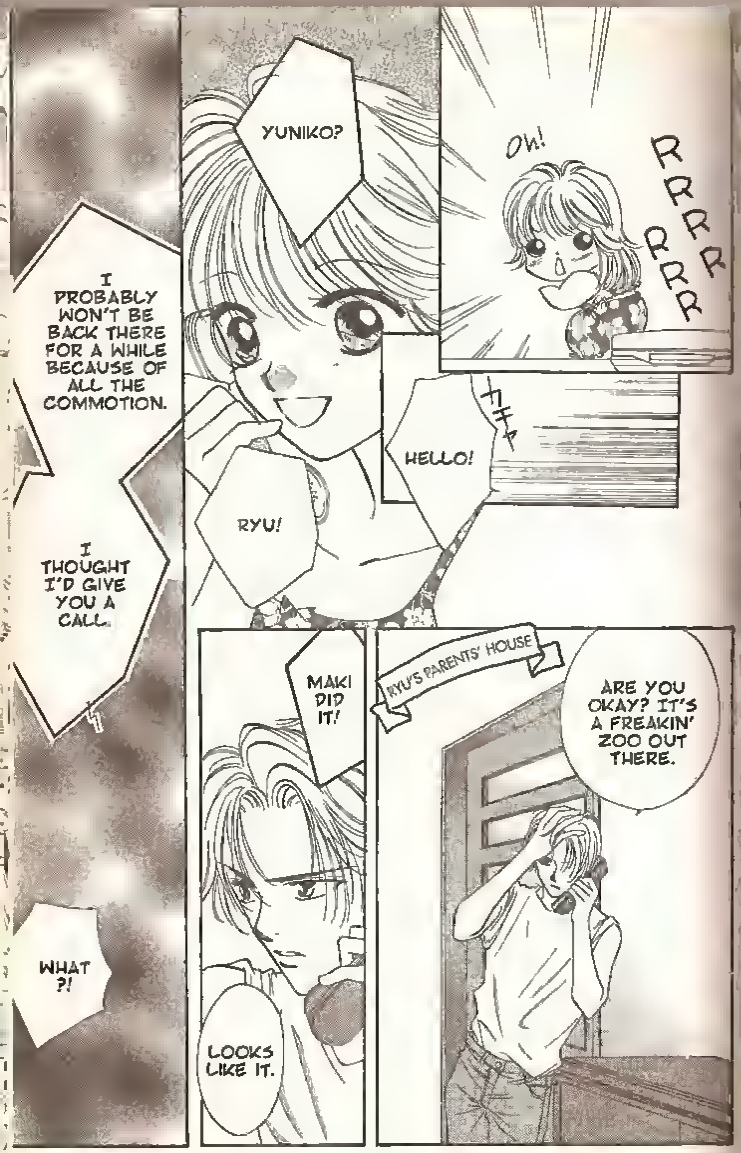

THE STORY IS BASED ON THE PHOTOGRAPH ON THE SCREEN.
SO, ARE YOU SAYING THAT THIS PHOTO PROVES THAT RYU IS MAIKO SAKURA AND AKIRA NANAE'S SON?

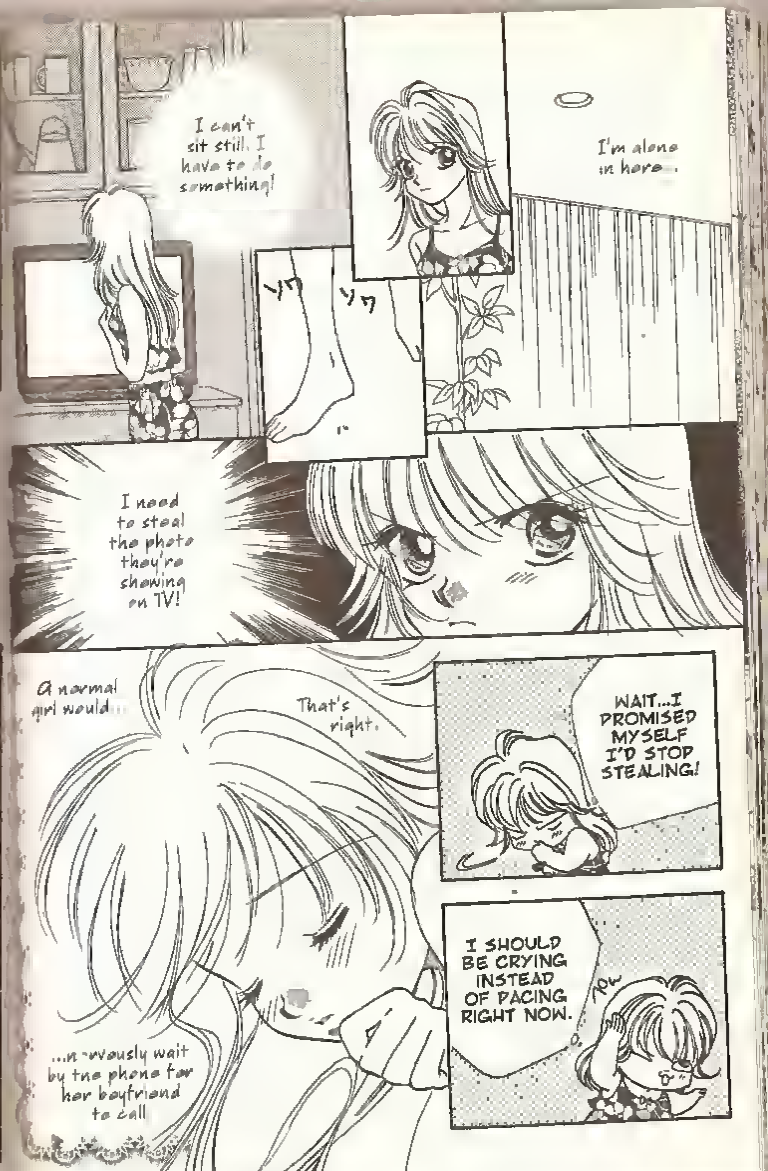
WHAT THE...?!


I DON'T KNOW.
SANAE,
COULD RYU BE MY BROTHER?
I KNOW THAT YOU'RE AKIRA'S DAUGHTER, FOR SURE.
EX-CUSE ME!
YOU MUST WORK FOR UAT.
LOOK, SOME-ONE'S COMING OUT.

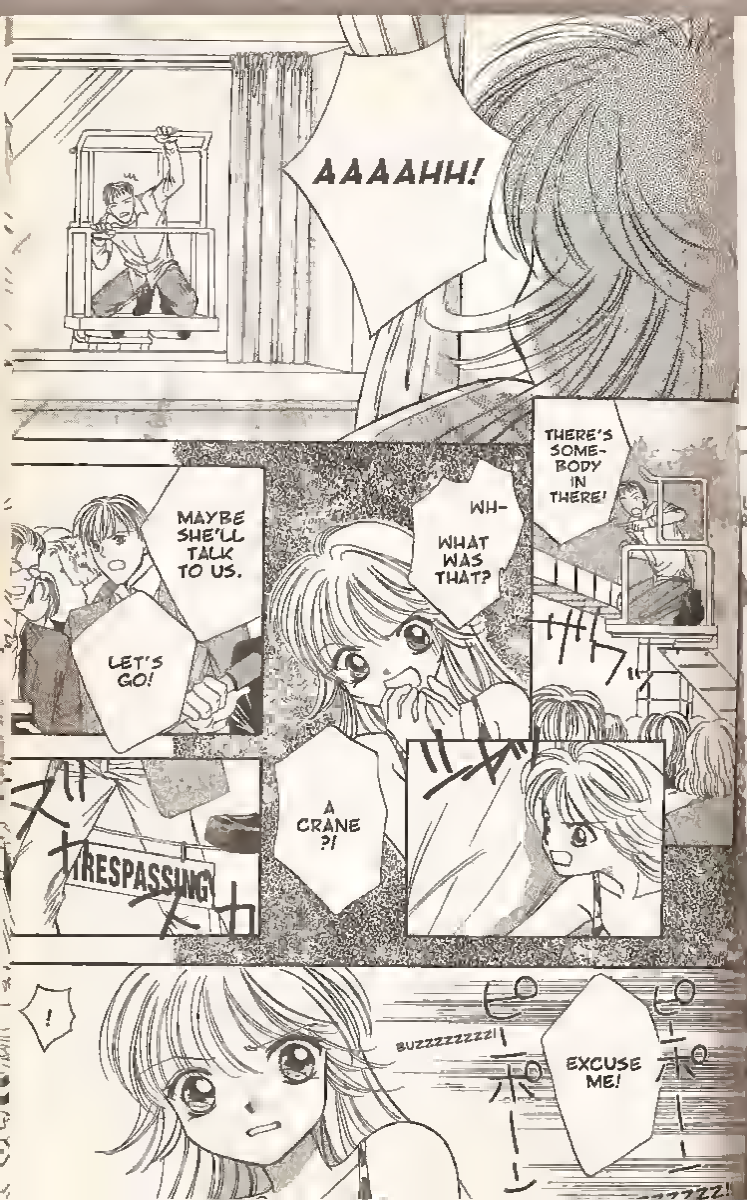

This is unbelievable
NO TRESPASSING
NO TRESPASSING


IT'S OKAY.
UAT WILL HANDLE THIS MESS.
Mabi Tatsumi!
He took the photo and sold it to the press!
DON'T GO OUTSIDE TODAY, EVEN TO SCHOOL.
DON'T ANSWER THE DOOR, NO MATTER WHAT.
DON'T TALK TO THEM, PERIOD!
OTHERWISE, YOU MIGHT BECOME THE NEXT TABLOID SCANDAL.
What a dirty, back-stabbing bastard!


I PROBABLY WON'T BE BACK THERE FOR A WHILE BECAUSE OF ALL THE COMMOTION.
I THOUGHT I'D GIVE YOU A CALL.
WHAT?!
YUNIKO?
RYU!
HELLO!
OH!
RRRR RRR
MAKI DID IT!
LOOKS LIKE IT.
KYU'S PARENTS' HOUSE
ARE YOU OKAY? IT'S A FREAKIN' ZOO OUT THERE.

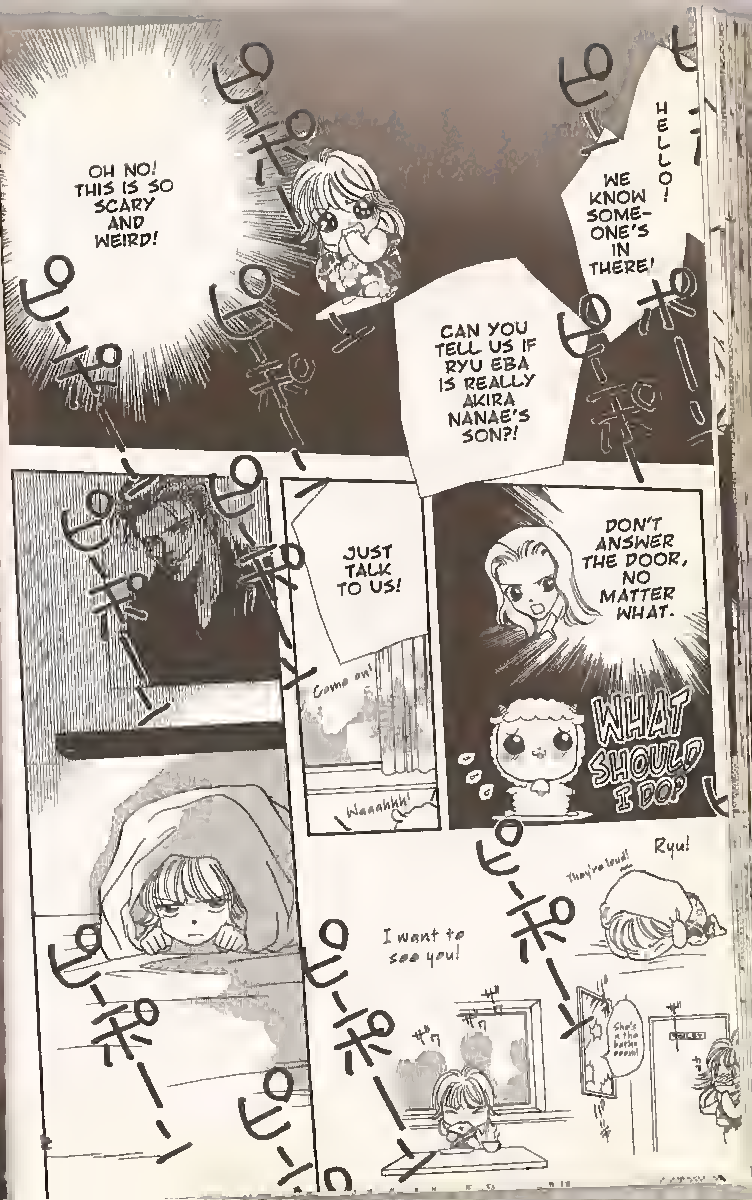

I can't sit still. I have to do something!
I'm alone in here...
I need to steal the photo they're showing on TV!
A normal girl would...
...nervously wait by the phone for her boyfriend to call.
That's right.
WAIT...I PROMISED MYSELF I'D STOP STEALING!
I SHOULD BE CRYING INSTEAD OF PACING RIGHT NOW.

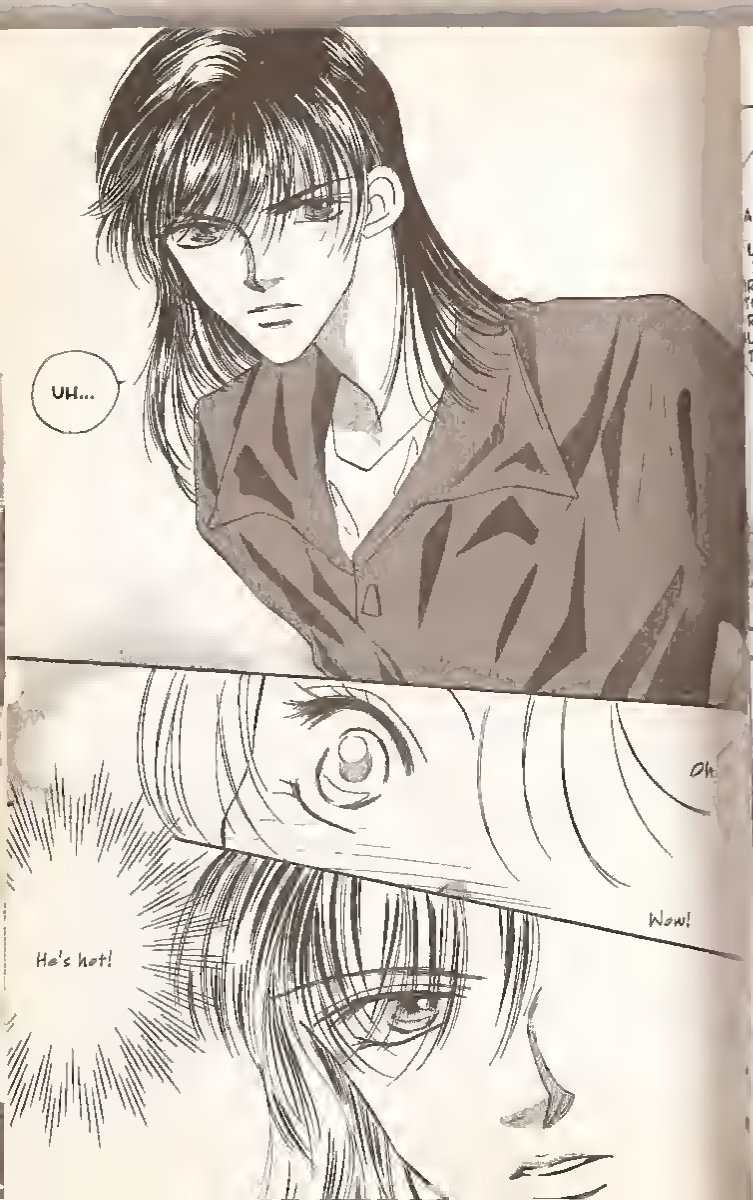
PROMISE ME.
I KNOW.
...OR GET INTO A FIGHT WITH THE REPORTERS OUTSIDE
...GET REVENGE ON MAKI...
...LIKE STEAL THE PHOTO ON ??...
DON'T DO ANYTHING CRAZY...
MR. RYU EBA!
GOOD MORNING, RYU!
EXCUSE ME!
THAT WAS COLD ...
HE DOESN'T THINK I'M SCARED AND ALONE.
That sucks...
I'M GLAD.
GOOD
WAIT, RYU...!
GOTTA GO. LATER!
I DON'T KNOW YET.
JUST WAIT FOR ME, OKAY?
I'LL TELL YOU MORE LATER.
BUT...
RYU, ARE YOU MY BROTHER? DO YOU KNOW?
I'LL STAY AT A HOTEL AND ATTEND MY CLASSES.
OKAY.


AAAAHH!
THERE'S SOMEBODY IN THERE!
WH- WHAT WAS THAT?
MAYBE SHE'LL TALK TO US.
LET'S GO!
A CRANE ?!
TRESPASSING
EXCUSE ME!
BUZZZZZZZZZ!
!

Ryu!
RYU EBA HAS JUST LEFT HIS PARENTS' HOUSE.
IS HE ABOUT TO GO TO A REHEARSAL?
LEFT, RIGHT!
GET 'EM, RYU!
IS AKIRA NANAE YOUR FATHER?
HAVE YOU SEEN THE PHOTOGRAPH YET?
IS MAIKO SAKURA YOUR BIOLOGICAL MOTHER?
?!
I WISH I COULD PROTECT HIM FROM ALL THOSE REPORTERS.
Sigh..
It takes a lot of willpower to be a "normal" girl
HIS REHEARSAL STARTS MUCH LATER.
MAYBE HE'S HEADING BACK HERE.

CINNA-MON, KAMUI! GET ♡ UP!
AMUI
Hah!
EXCUSE ME! PLEASE TALK TO US!
GET AWAY FROM THE HOUSE, YOU BASTARDS!
I can't...
take this anymore!


OH NO! THIS IS SO SCARY AND WEIRD!
HELLO! WE KNOW SOME-ONE'S IN THERE!
CAN YOU TELL US IF RYU EBA IS REALLY AKIRA NANAE'S SON?!
JUST TALK TO US!
Come on!
Waaahhh!
DON'T ANSWER THE DOOR, NO MATTER WHAT.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
Ryu!
They're back!
I want to see you!
She's in the bathroom!


UH...
Oh
Wow!
He's hot!

FIRE-CRACKERS !!
A RESIDENT JUST LAUNCHED MULTIPLE FIRECRACKERS TOWARD THE REPORTERS SURROUNDING THE HOUSE.
SOME-THING'S UP!
HOW DANGEROUS! THIS IS UNBELIEV-ABLE!
POP!
AAAAH!
WHAT?!
CRACK!
WHOA!
WHAT THE— !!
POP
I could not care less about being a "normal" girl right now!
I'm going to see Ryu!

WHY ARE YOU OUTSIDE THE HOUSE?
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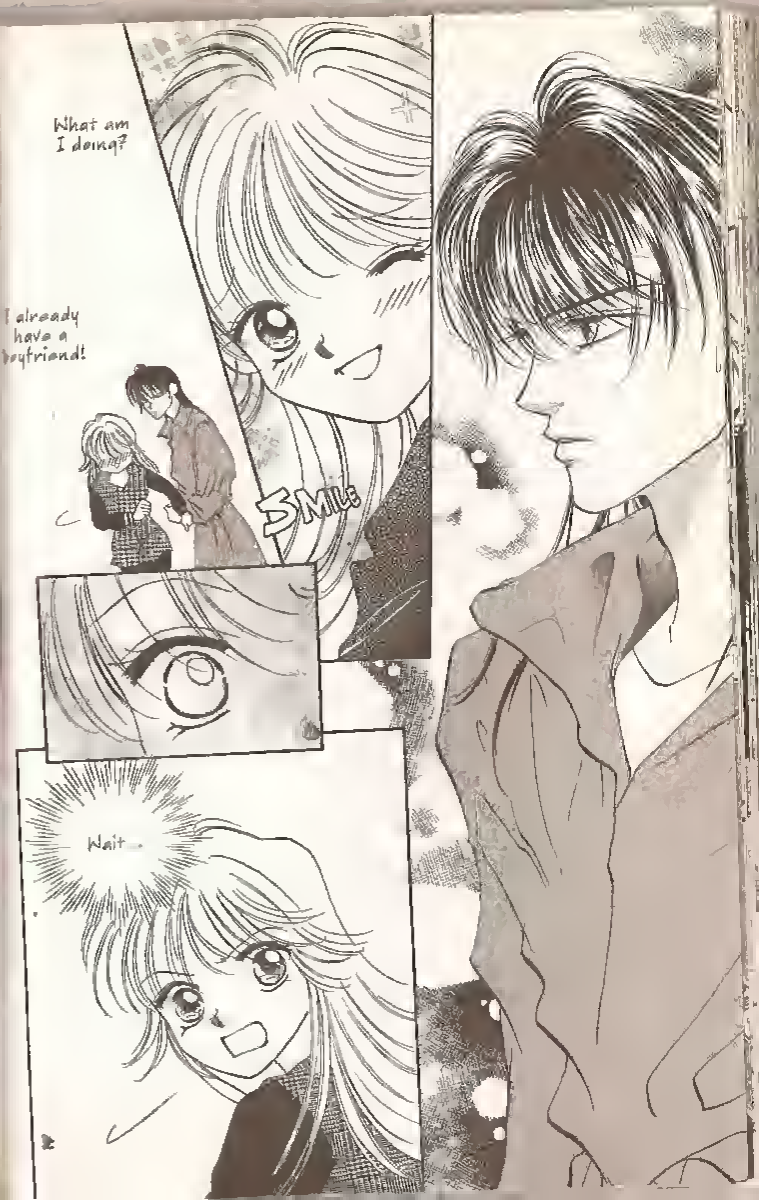
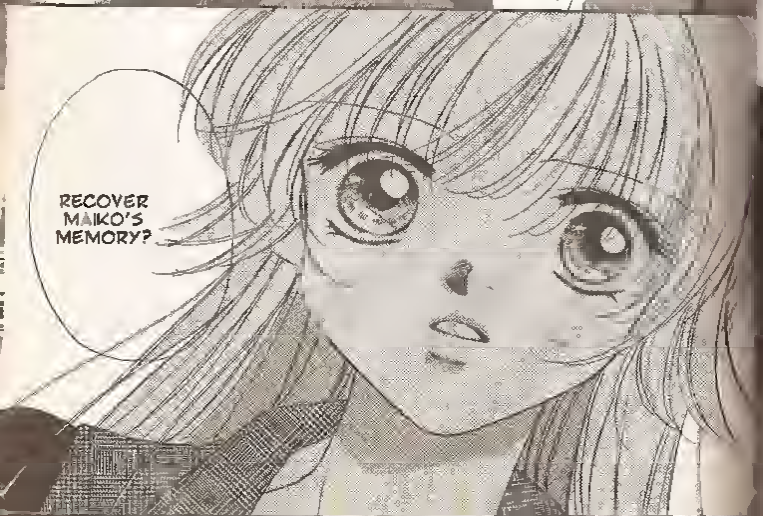
SHH! BE QUIET!
RYU!
!!

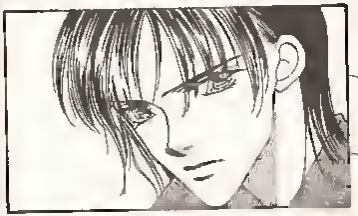

What am I doing?
I already have a boyfriend!
SMILE
Wait...

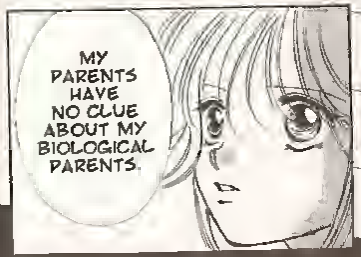
...to come get me, because he was worried!
Sob!
I'm touched!
He disguised himself...
.....
YOU GOT OUT BY YOURSELF, OBVIOUSLY.
YEAH.
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU.
I COULDN'T JUST STAY THERE! IT'S NOT MY STYLE.
DREAMY~
You look really hot
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, RYU?
I'M HERE TO PICK YOU UP.
I FIGURED ALL THE REPORTERS WERE FREAKING YOU OUT.
MIC
MAKEUP
YOU LOOK DIFFERENT!
I'M IN DIS-GUISE.
YOU STILL STAND OUT.
You look so different with makeup
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD THINK I COULD NOT HANDLE THIS...
WHY WOULD I THINK THAT?!
REALLY?

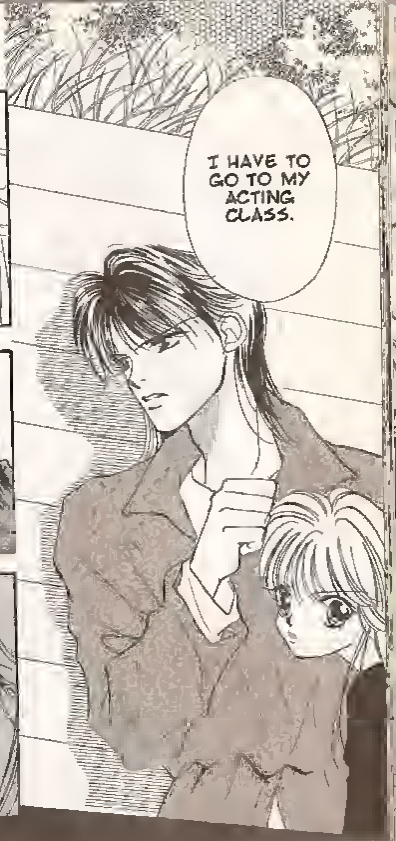
TO FIND OUT IF I'M YOUR BROTHER...
..WE NEED TO HELP MAIKO RECOVER HER MEMORY. THAT'S THE ONLY WAY.


RECOVER MAIKO'S MEMORY?

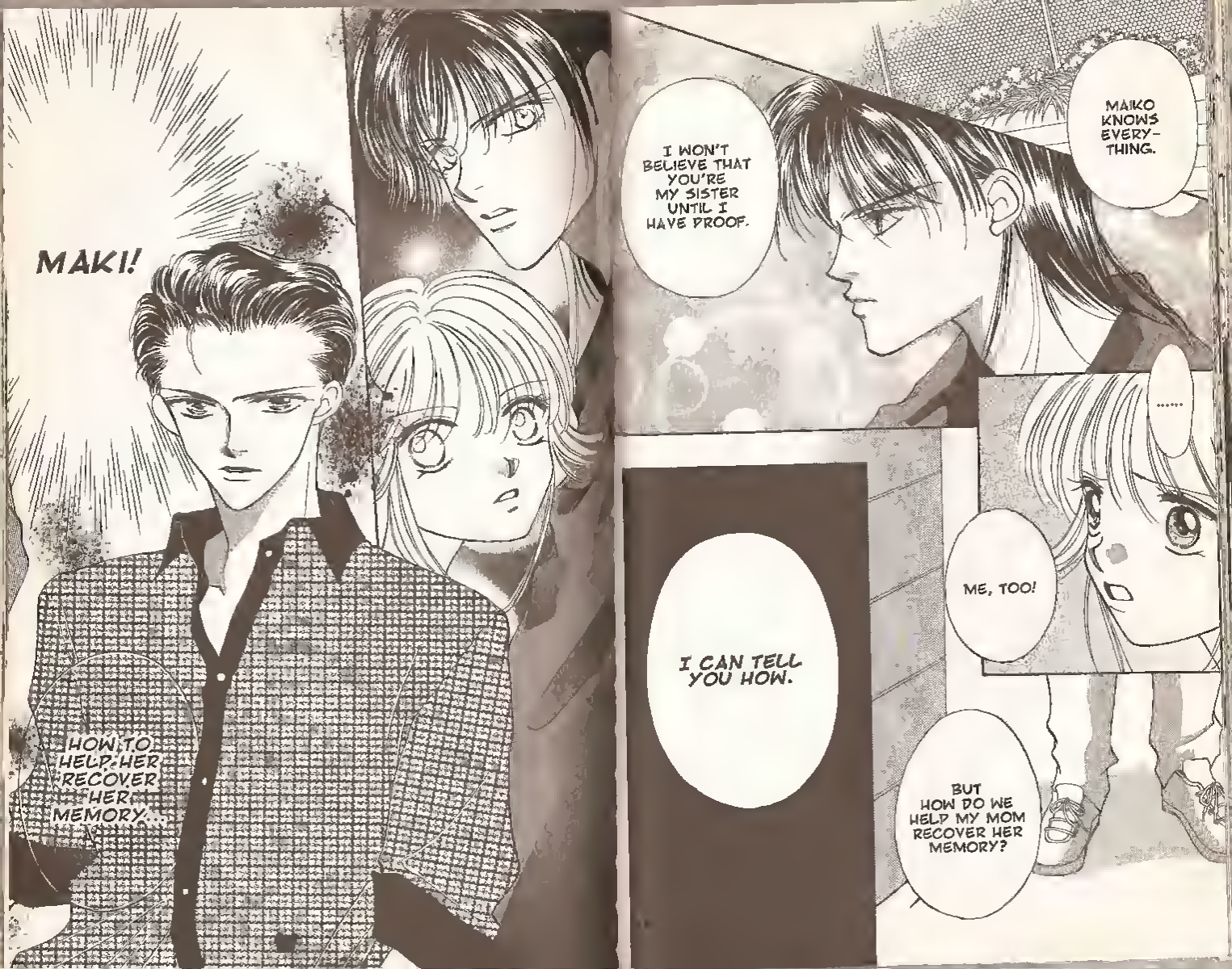
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THIS MESS?



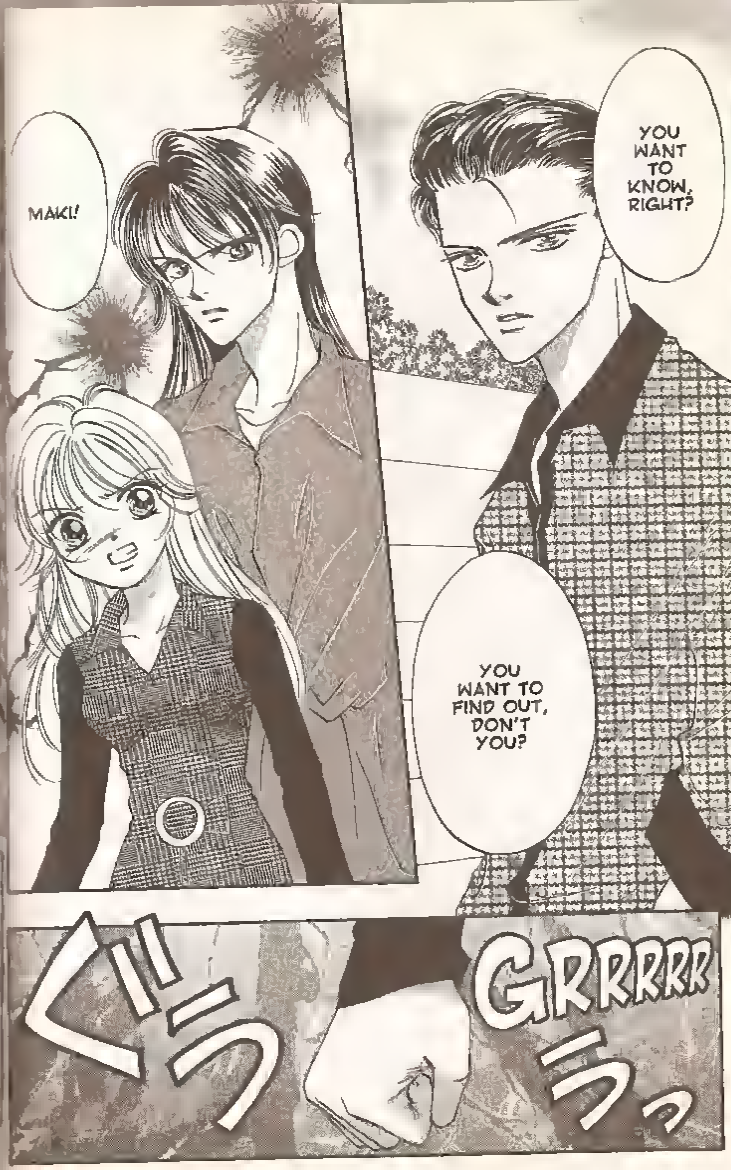

MY PARENTS HAVE NO CLUE ABOUT MY BIOLOGICAL PARENTS.

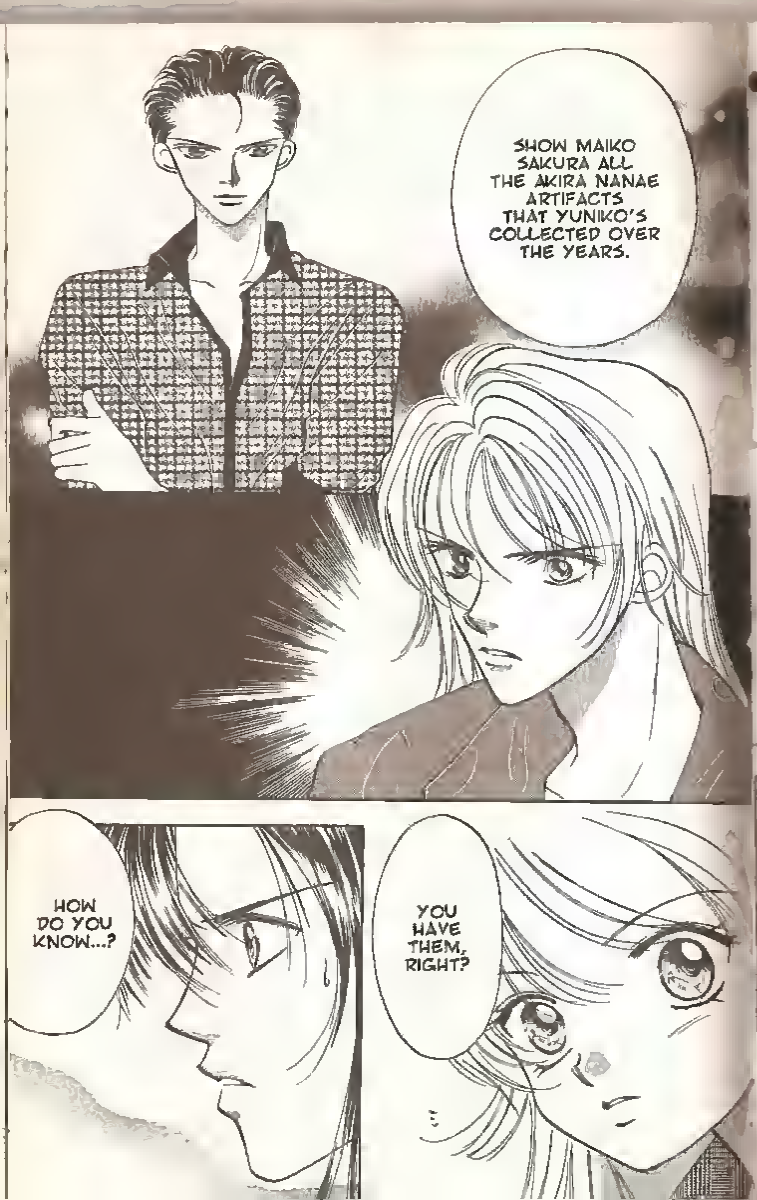

I HAVE TO GO TO MY ACTING CLASS.

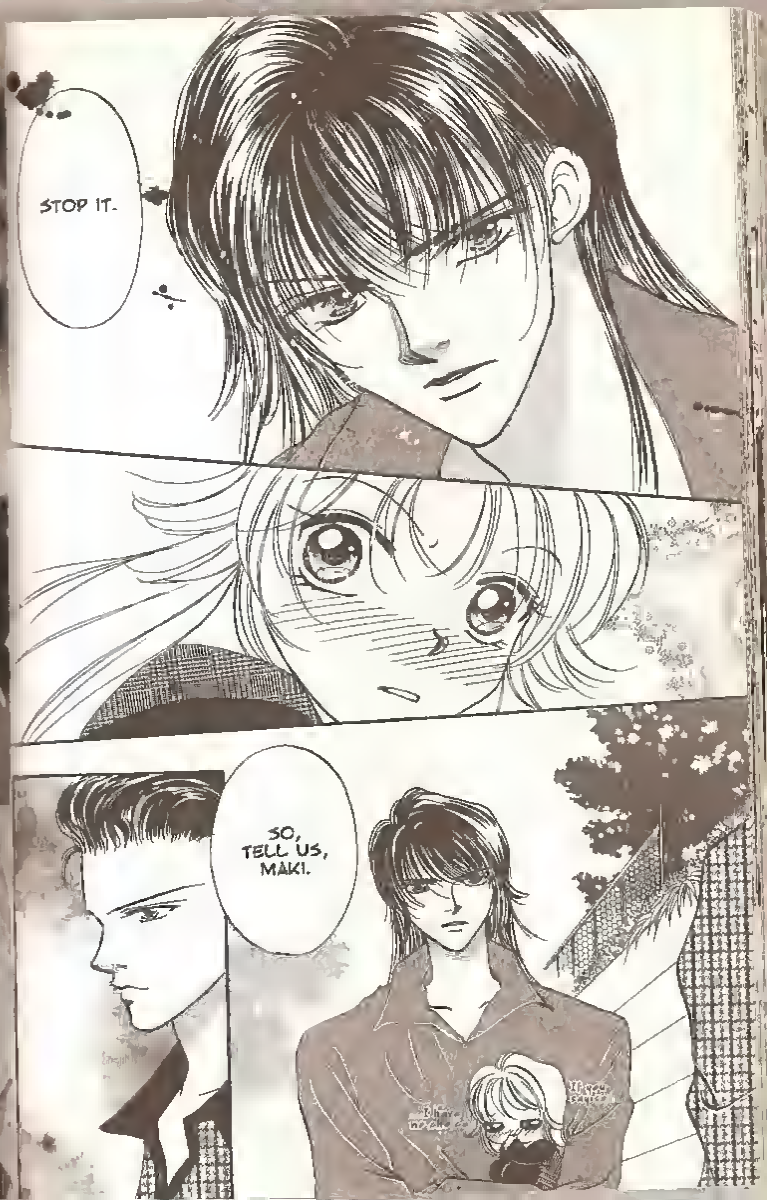
THE AGENCY WENT OUT OF BUSINESS.
ACCORDING TO MY PARENTS,
THEY ADOPTED ME FROM AN AGENCY.

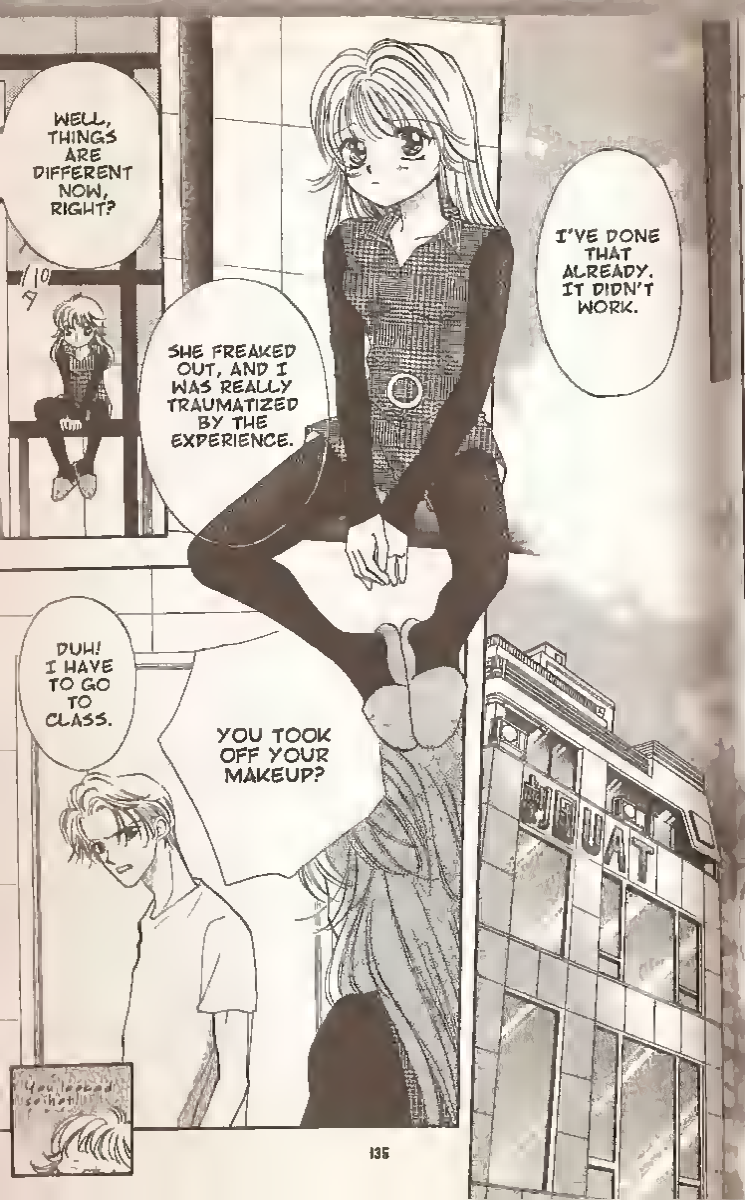

MAKI!
HOW TO HELP HER RECOVER HER MEMORY...
I WON'T BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE MY SISTER UNTIL I HAVE PROOF.
MAIKO KNOWS EVERY-THING.
I CAN TELL YOU HOW.
.....
ME, TOO!
BUT HOW DO WE HELP MY MOM RECOVER HER MEMORY?

HOW DARE YOU...
...SELL THAT PICTURE TO THE PRESS, YOU—
STOP, YUNIKO!
LET ME GO, RYU!
I'M GONNA KICK HIS ASS!
YUNI-KO!
There's no proof, Butt-Munch!
SHUT UP!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GUYS ARE SIBLINGS.
Ha!

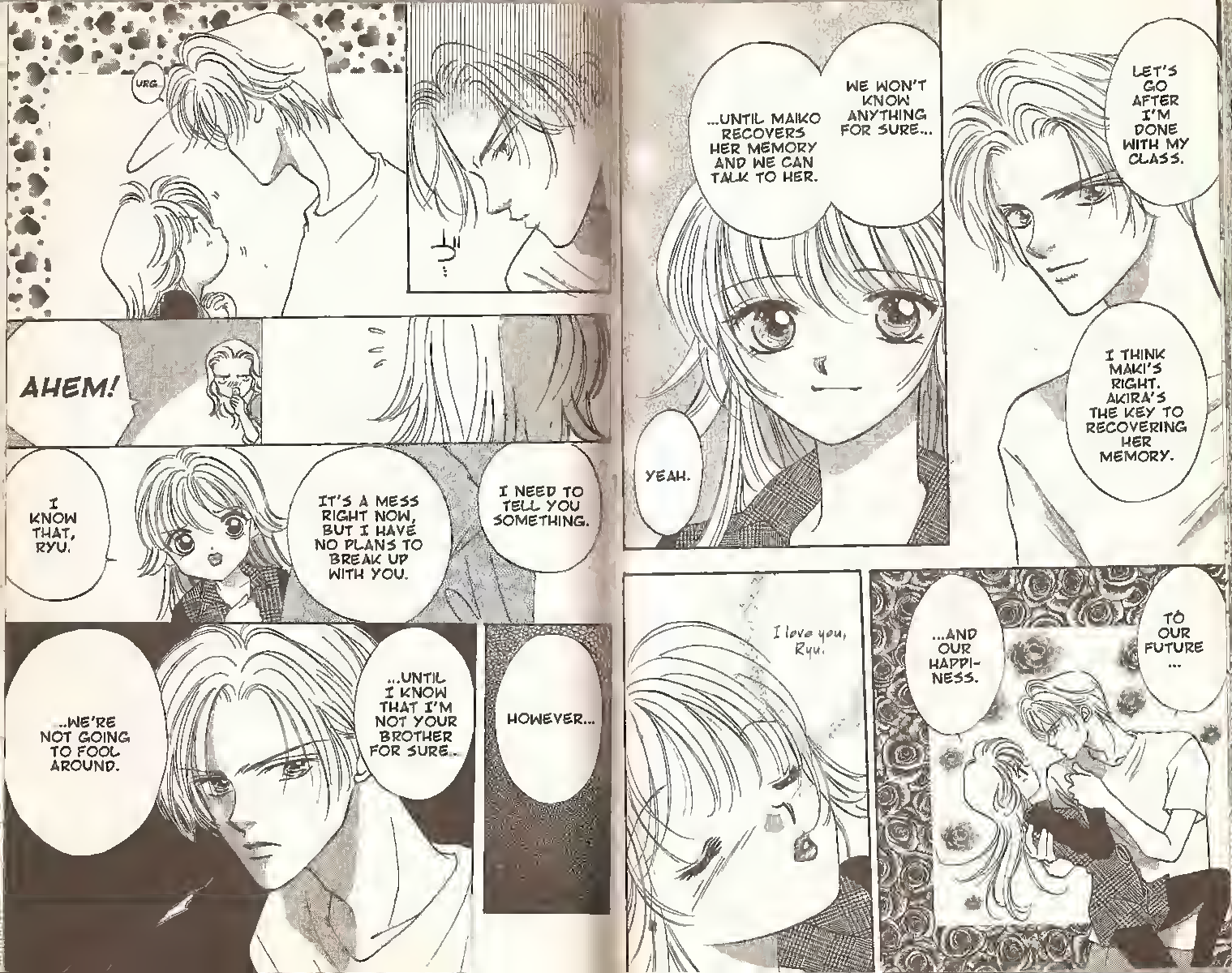

MAKI!
YOU WANT TO KNOW, RIGHT?
YOU WANT TO FIND OUT, DON'T YOU?
GRRRRR

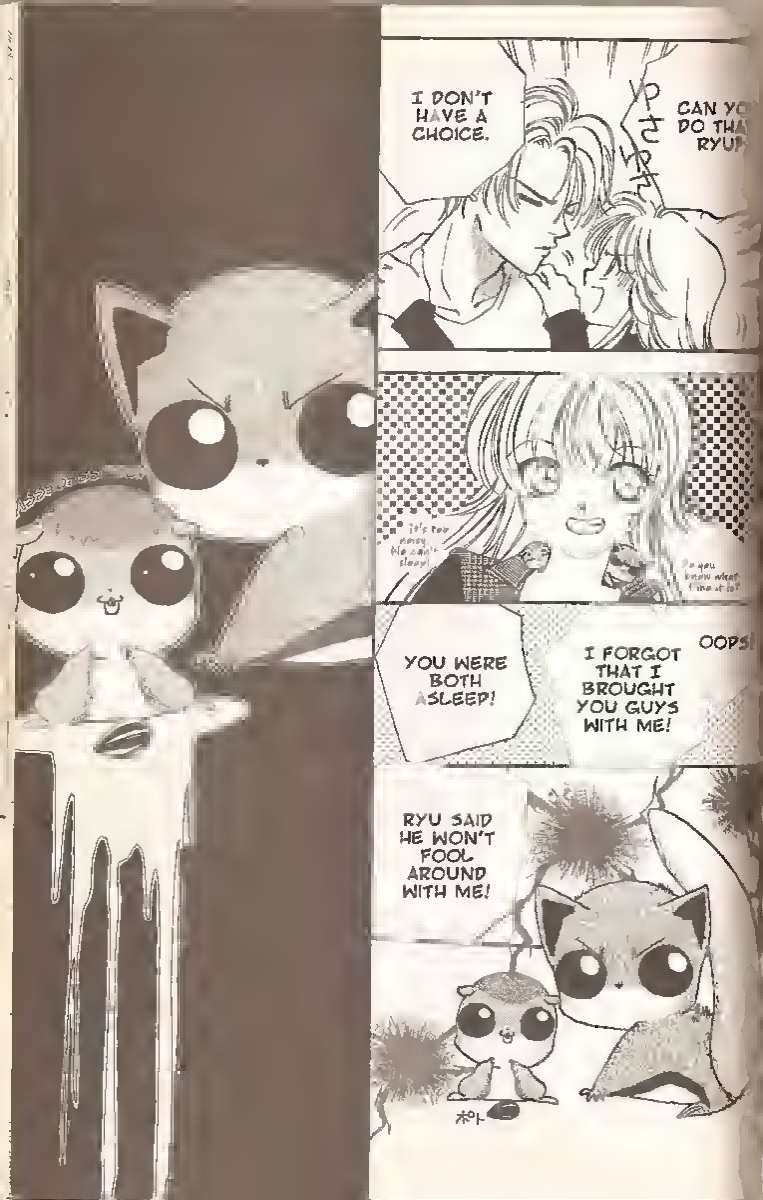

SHOW MAIKO SAKURA ALL THE AKIRA NANAE ARTIFACTS THAT YUNIKO'S COLLECTED OVER THE YEARS.
HOW DO YOU KNOW...?
YOU HAVE THEM, RIGHT?

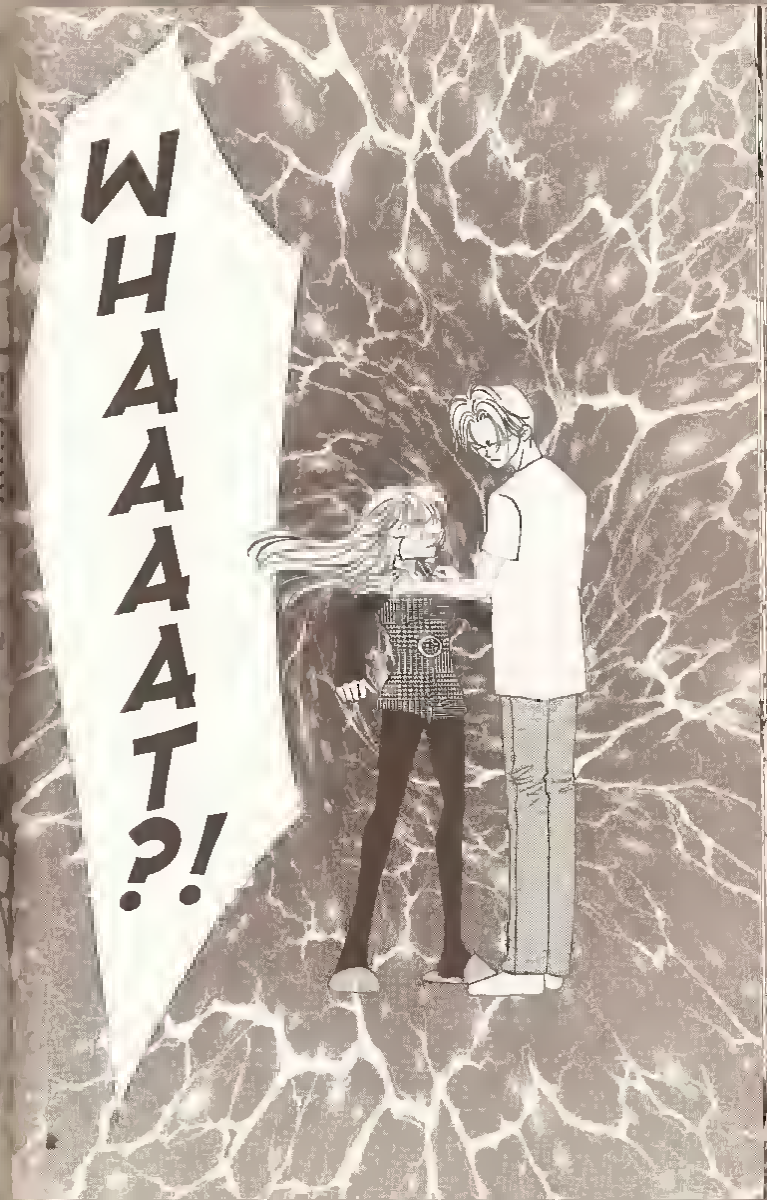

STOP IT.
SO, TELL US, MAKI.

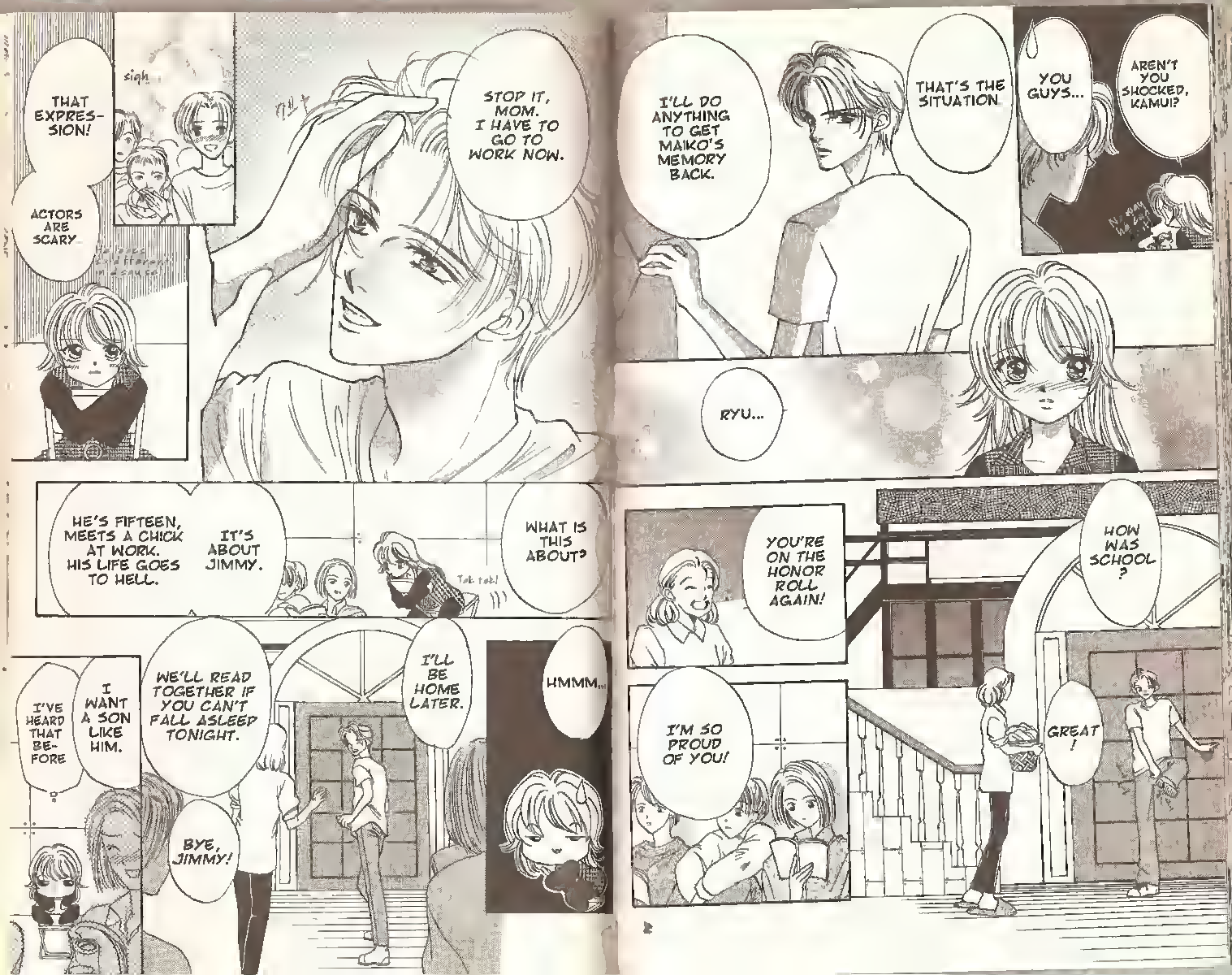

WELL, THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW, RIGHT?
I'VE DONE THAT ALREADY. IT DIDN'T WORK.
SHE FREAKED OUT, AND I WAS REALLY TRAUMATIZED BY THE EXPERIENCE.
DUH! I HAVE TO GO TO CLASS.
YOU TOOK OFF YOUR MAKEUP?
You looked so beautiful...

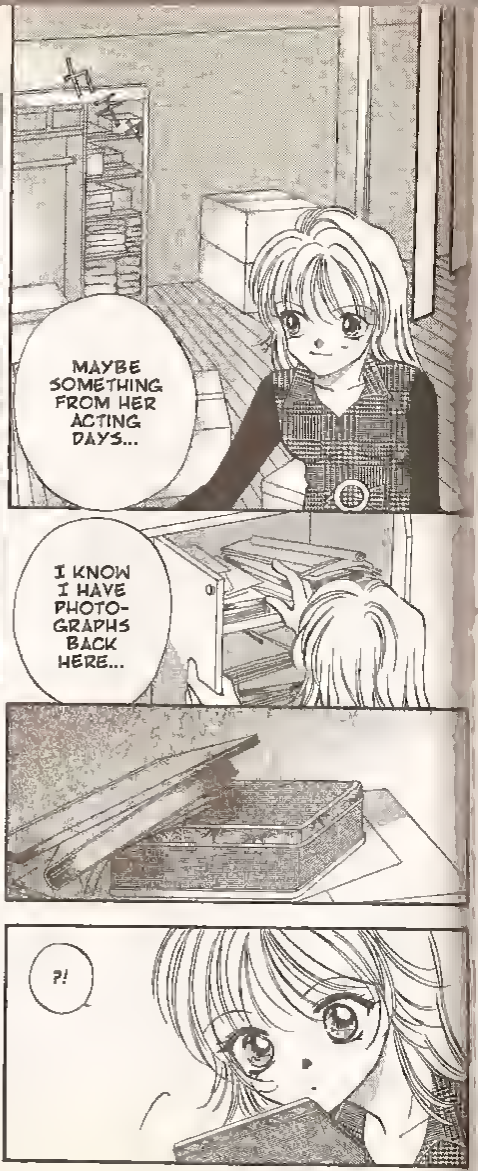
SHE'S NOT A COMPLETE AMNESIAC. SHE KNOWS HER NAME.
SHE REMEMBERS HER LIFE BEFORE SHE STARTED ACTING.
SHE JUST CAN'T RECALL THE TIME SHE SPENT WITH AKIRA.
SHE'S AN "AKIRA NANAE AMNESIAC" SO TO SPEAK.
IT SORT OF SLIPPED OUT.
WHAT? YOU TOLD HIM?!
THOSE ARTIFACTS MIGHT JOG HER MEMORY.
IF SHE CAN REMEMBER AKIRA, SHE'LL PROBABLY RECOVER THE REST OF HER MEMORY.


URG.
AHEM!
I KNOW THAT, RYU.
IT'S A MESS RIGHT NOW, BUT I HAVE NO PLANS TO BREAK UP WITH YOU.
I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.
...WE'RE NOT GOING TO FOOL AROUND.
...UNTIL I KNOW THAT I'M NOT YOUR BROTHER FOR SURE..
HOWEVER...
YEAH.
...UNTIL MAIKO RECOVERS HER MEMORY AND WE CAN TALK TO HER.
WE WON'T KNOW ANYTHING FOR SURE...
I THINK MAKI'S RIGHT. AKIRA'S THE KEY TO RECOVERING HER MEMORY.
LET'S GO AFTER I'M DONE WITH MY CLASS.
I love you, Ryu.
...AND OUR HAPPI-NESS.
TO OUR FUTURE ...


I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.
CAN YO DO THA RYU?
PUPU
YOU WERE BOTH ASLEEP!
I FORGOT THAT I BROUGHT YOU GUYS WITH ME!
OOPS!
RYU SAID HE WON'T FOOL AROUND WITH ME!

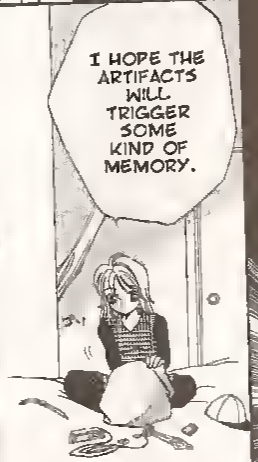

WHAAAAT?!

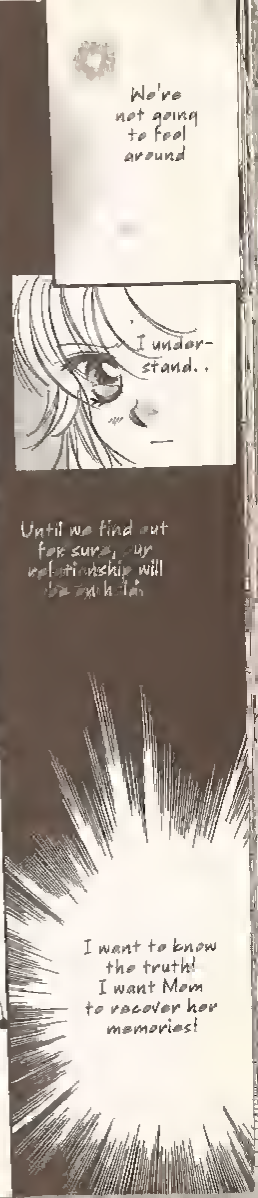

sigh
THAT EXPRESSION!
ACTORS ARE SCARY
STOP IT, MOM. I HAVE TO GO TO WORK NOW.
HE'S FIFTEEN, MEETS A CHICK AT WORK. HIS LIFE GOES TO HELL.
IT'S ABOUT JIMMY.
WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
Tok tok!
I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE
I WANT A SON LIKE HIM.
WE'LL READ TOGETHER IF YOU CAN'T FALL ASLEEP TONIGHT.
BYE, JIMMY!
I'LL BE HOME LATER.
HMMM...
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET MAIKO'S MEMORY BACK.
THAT'S THE SITUATION
YOU GUYS...
AREN'T YOU SHOCKED, KAMUI?
RYU...
YOU'RE ON THE HONOR ROLL AGAIN!
HOW WAS SCHOOL?
I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!
GREAT!


MAYBE SOMETHING FROM HER ACTING DAYS...
I KNOW I HAVE PHOTO-GRAPHS BACK HERE...
?!

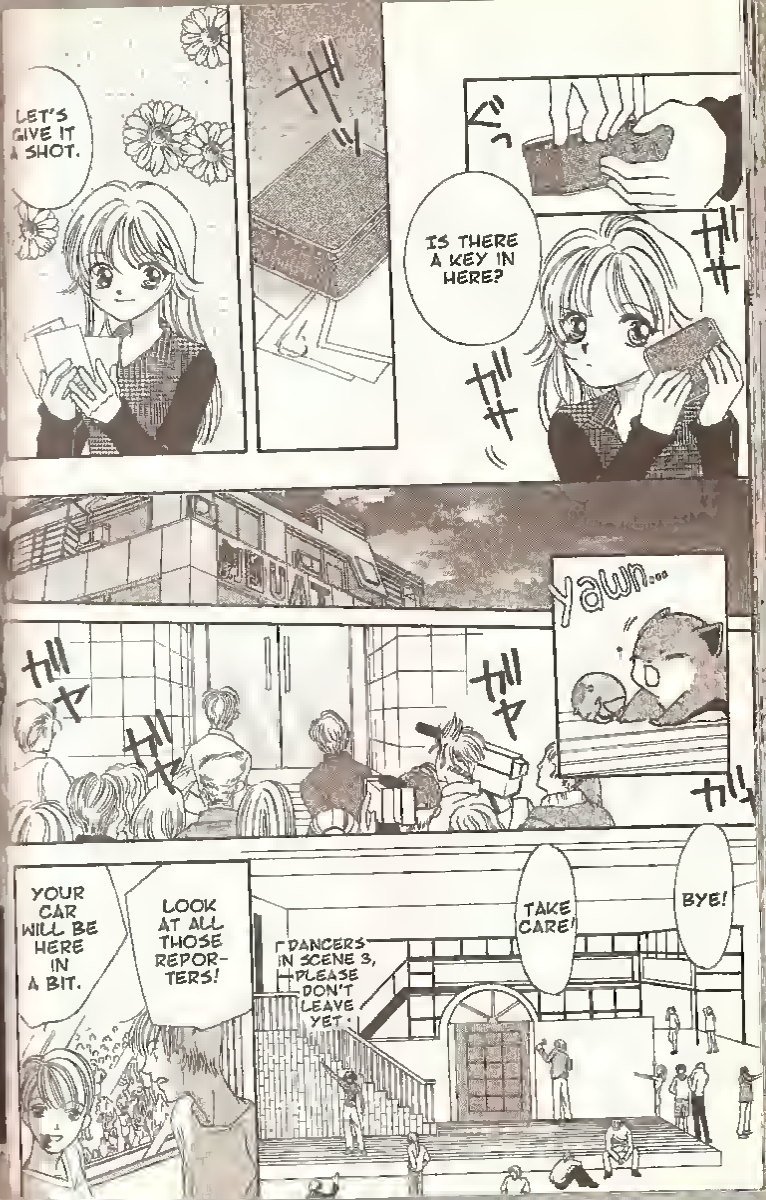
ピーポー...
NOBODY'S HERE WHEN RYU'S IN REHEARSAL.

I KNOW!

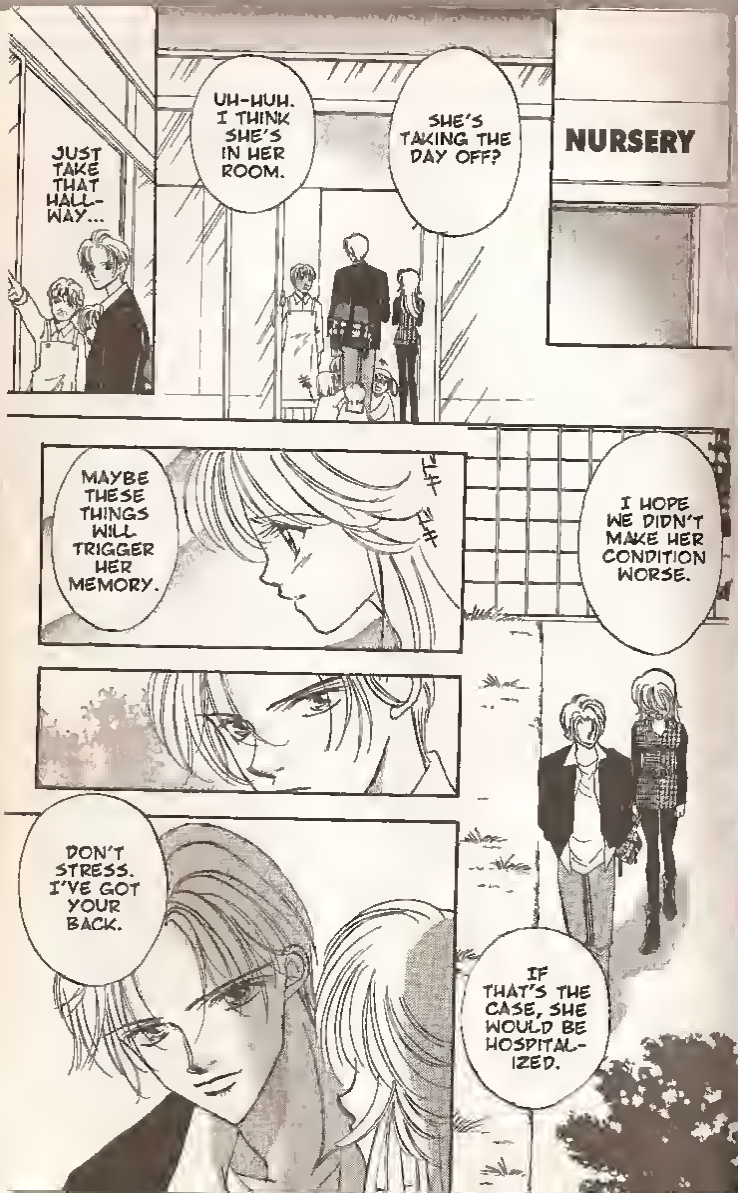

I HOPE THE ARTIFACTS WILL TRIGGER SOME KIND OF MEMORY.

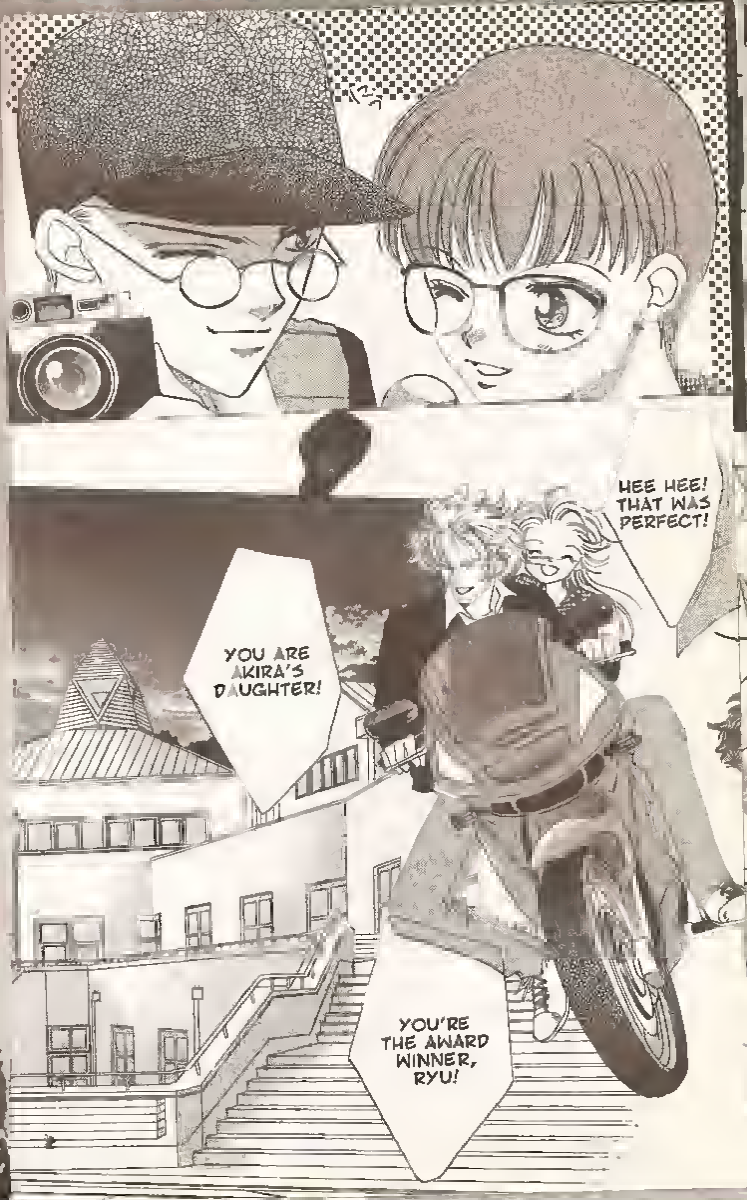

We're not going to feel around
I under-stand..
Until we find out for sure, our relationship will be on hold.
I want to know the truth! I want Mom to recover her memories!

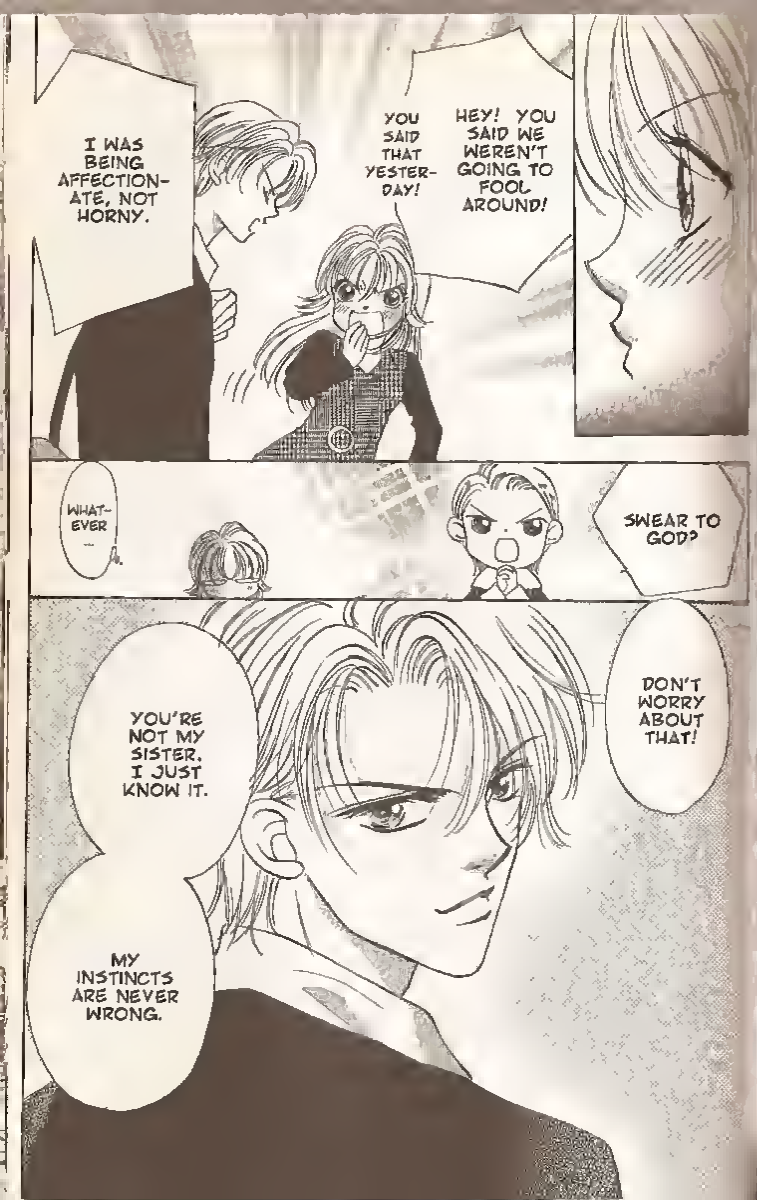
OF COURSE IT'S TABLOID CRAP!
NOT NOW, GUYS.
C'MON, TELL US THE TRUTH, RYU!
AKIRA NANAE'S NOT YOUR DAD! IT'S JUST TABLOID CRAP, RIGHT?
I THOUGHT BRINGING THEM WOULD INCREASE THE PROBABILITY OF RECOVERING HER MEMORY.
DIFFERENT AKIRA ARTIFACTS!
WHAT'S IN YOUR BAG?
HI YUNI!
I'm so touched! You're making me horny!
?
IT'S GONNA BE A PAIN IN THE BUTT.
HOW DO WE GET OUT OF HERE?

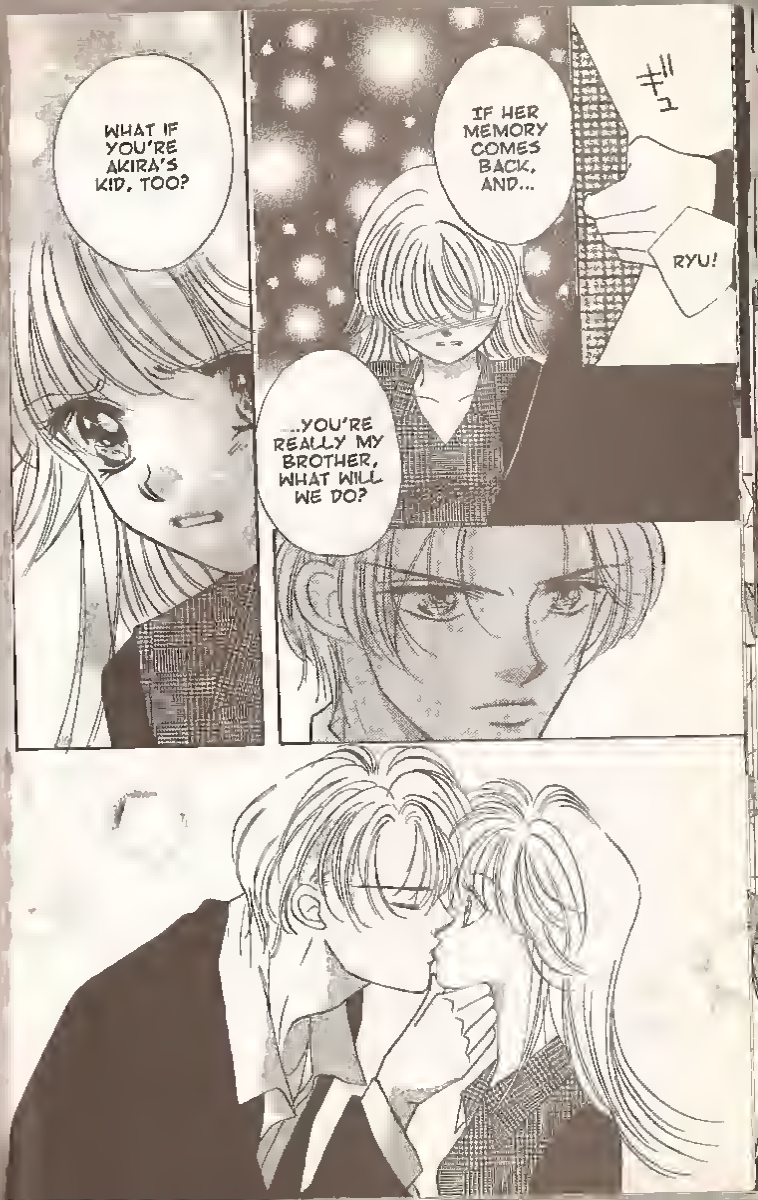

LET'S GIVE IT A SHOT.
IS THERE A KEY IN HERE?
yawn...
YOUR CAR WILL BE HERE IN A BIT.
LOOK AT ALL THOSE REPORTERS!
「DANCERS IN SCENE 3, PLEASE DON'T LEAVE YET.」
TAKE CARE!
BYE!

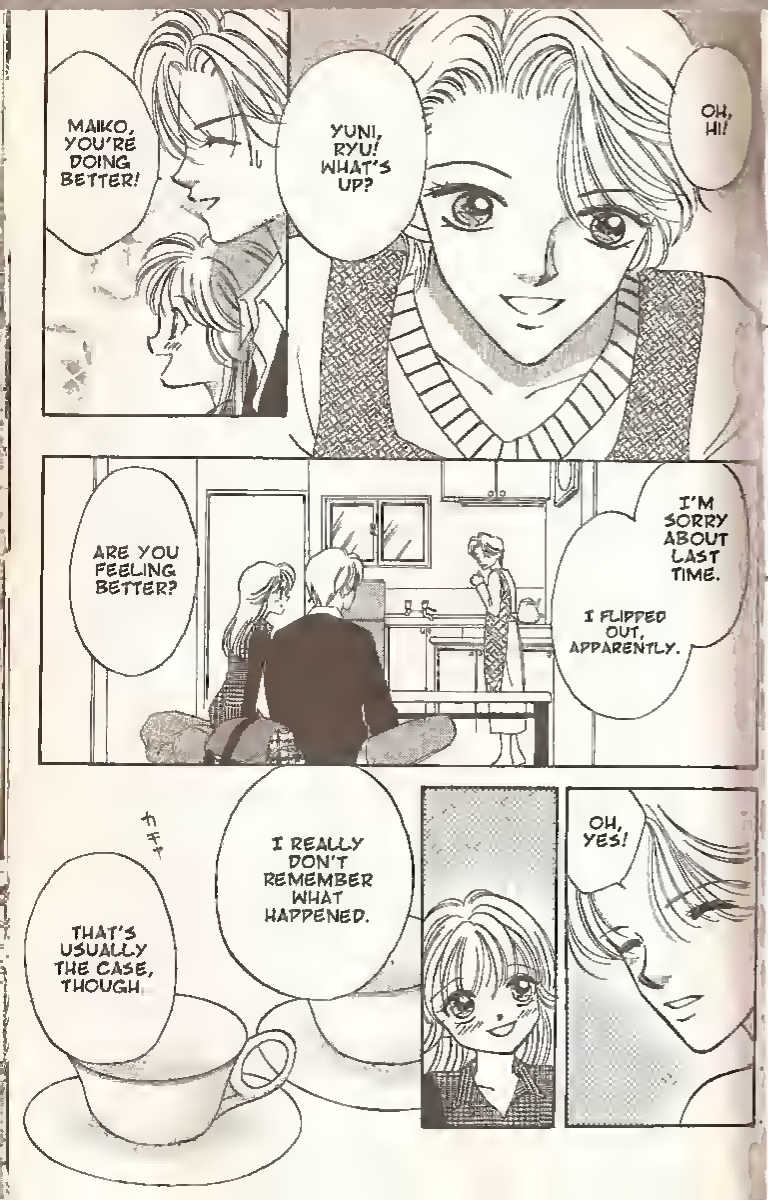
WAIT!
EVERYBODY WANTS TO KNOW THE TRUTH!
HUH?!
IT'S NOT RYU EBA!!
I DIDN'T SEE HIM LEAVE THE BUILDING!
IS HE STILL INSIDE THE BUILDING?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HE'S STILL IN THERE?!
WHERE DID HE GO?
ASK THE STAFF IF HE'S STILL IN THERE!
DON'T WORRY
THIS PLACE IS FULL OF ACTORS.
IS AKIRA NANAE YOUR FATHER?
RYU!
TALK TO US, RYU!
RYU!
WHY WON'T YOU JUST TELL US THE TRUTH?
JUST TELL US THE TRUTH!
YEAH!
PLEASE MOVE OUT OF THE WAY
THERE!
OH!
IT'S RYU EBA!
HE'S LEAVING THE BUILDING!


JUST TAKE THAT HALL-WAY...
UH-HUH. I THINK SHE'S IN HER ROOM.
SHE'S TAKING THE DAY OFF?
NURSERY
MAYBE THESE THINGS WILL TRIGGER HER MEMORY.
I HOPE WE DIDN'T MAKE HER CONDITION WORSE.
DON'T STRESS. I'VE GOT YOUR BACK.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, SHE WOULD BE HOSPITAL-IZED.


HEE HEE! THAT WAS PERFECT!
YOU ARE AKIRA'S DAUGHTER!
YOU'RE THE AWARD WINNER, RYU!

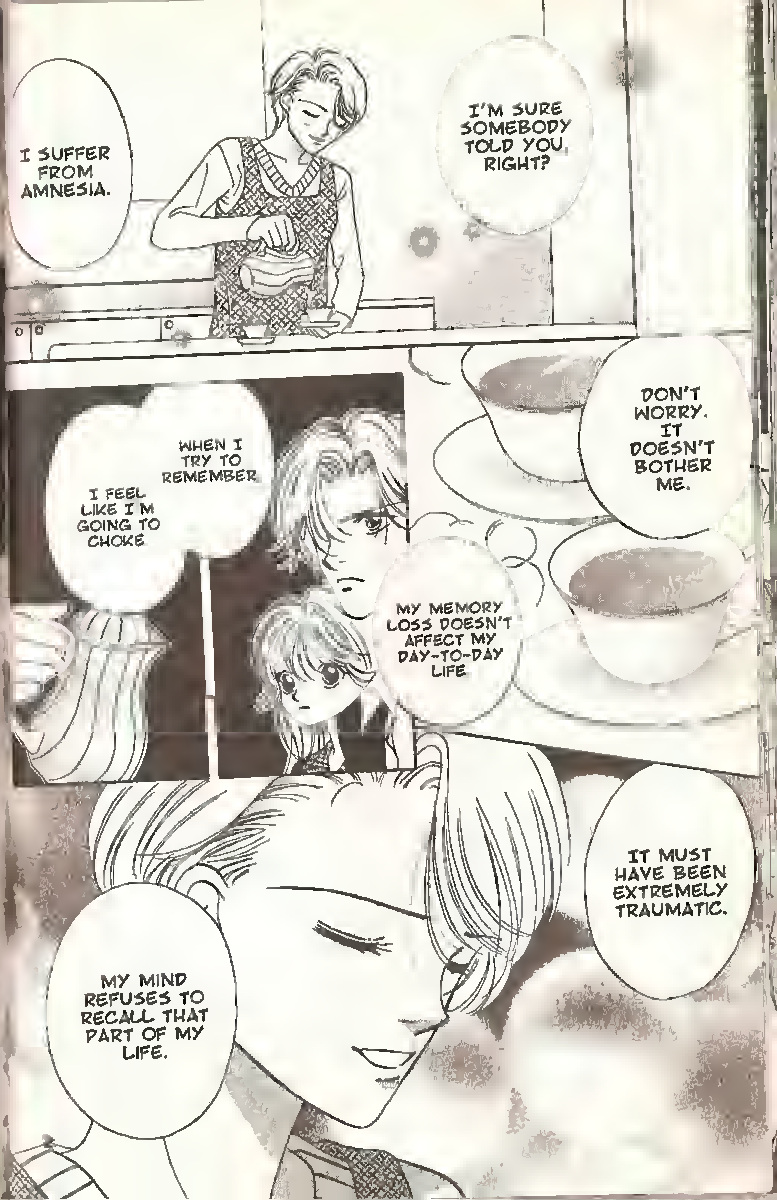

I WAS BEING AFFECTION-ATE, NOT HORNY.
YOU SAID THAT YESTER-DAY!
HEY! YOU SAID WE WEREN'T GOING TO FOOL AROUND!
WHAT-EVER...
SWEAR TO GOD?
YOU'RE NOT MY SISTER. I JUST KNOW IT.
MY INSTINCTS ARE NEVER WRONG.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT!

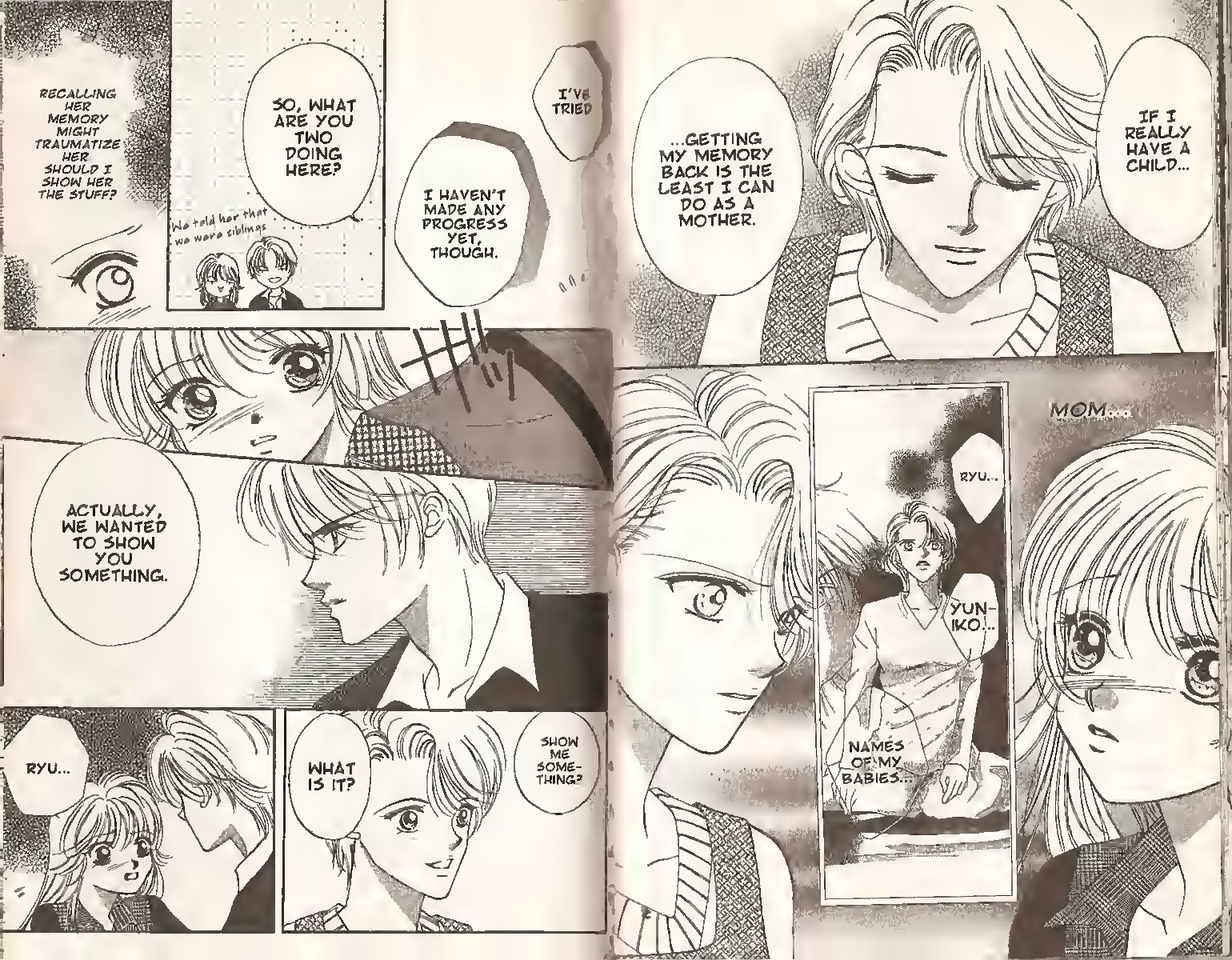

WHAT IF YOU'RE AKIRA'S KID, TOO?
IF HER MEMORY COMES BACK, AND...
RYU!
...YOU'RE REALLY MY BROTHER, WHAT WILL WE DO?


MAIKO, YOU'RE DOING BETTER!
YUNI, RYU! WHAT'S UP?
OH, HI!
ARE YOU FEELING BETTER?
I'M SORRY ABOUT LAST TIME.
I FLIPPED OUT, APPARENTLY.
I REALLY DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED.
THAT'S USUALLY THE CASE, THOUGH.
OH, YES!

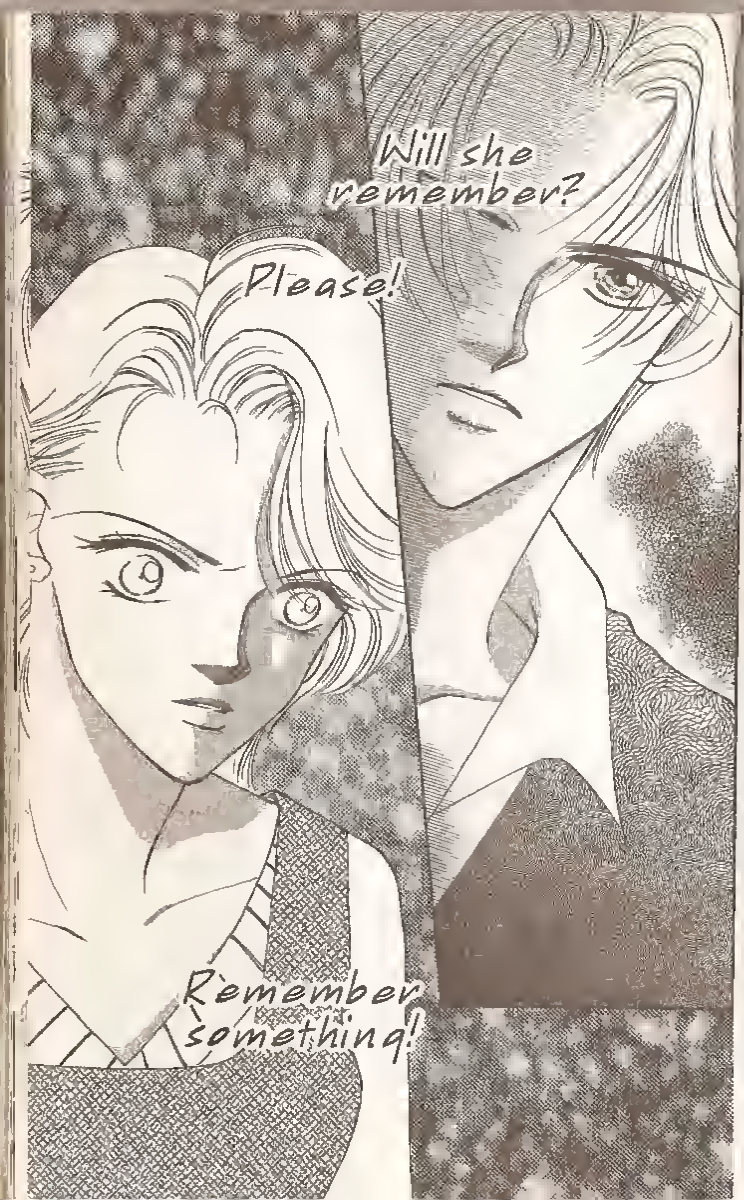
I BELIEVE YOU.
RYU...
WHITE, WITH A PICTURE ON THE BACK!
ALL RIGHT! WHAT COLOR IS MY UNDERWEAR?
NOPE. PINK LACE.
HE CAN'T BE MY BROTHER.
AAARGH! PINK LACE?! DAMN, THAT'S TEMPTING!
Don't tease me!
Don't tease me!
MOM..
SO, THIS IS WHERE SHE LIVES. I'M GETTING KINDA NERVOUS.
MAIKO SAKURA
COMING! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

I'VE BEEN SO SELFISH. I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT WHAT THIS COULD DO TO MOM.
...SHE HAS TO RELIVE THE TRAUMA OF LOSING DAD AGAIN.
THAT'S RIGHT. IF HER MEMORY RETURNS...
WHAT?!
I'VE MADE A DECISION
YEAH!
Here's your tea.
I'M GOING TO TRY TO GET MY MEMORY BACK.
YOU SEEM REALLY HAPPY TODAY.


I SUFFER FROM AMNESIA.
I'M SURE SOMEBODY TOLD YOU, RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY. IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME.
WHEN I TRY TO REMEMBER
I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO CHOKE
MY MEMORY LOSS DOESN'T AFFECT MY DAY-TO-DAY LIFE
MY MIND REFUSES TO RECALL THAT PART OF MY LIFE.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY TRAUMATIC.


RECALLING HER MEMORY MIGHT TRAUMATIZE HER SHOULD I SHOW HER THE STUFF?
SO, WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE?
We told her that we were siblings
I'VE TRIED
I HAVEN'T MADE ANY PROGRESS YET, THOUGH.
...GETTING MY MEMORY BACK IS THE LEAST I CAN DO AS A MOTHER.
IF I REALLY HAVE A CHILD...
ACTUALLY, WE WANTED TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING.
RYU...
WHAT IS IT?
SHOW ME SOME-THING?
RYU...
YUN-IKO...
NAMES OF MY BABIES...
MOM...

HERE WE GO...
Kyuuu
Mo?
This isn't it!
HOW ADOR-ABLE!
THIS IS IT!


Will she remember?
Please!
Remember something!

PLEASE, LOOK VERY CLOSELY.
ユキー
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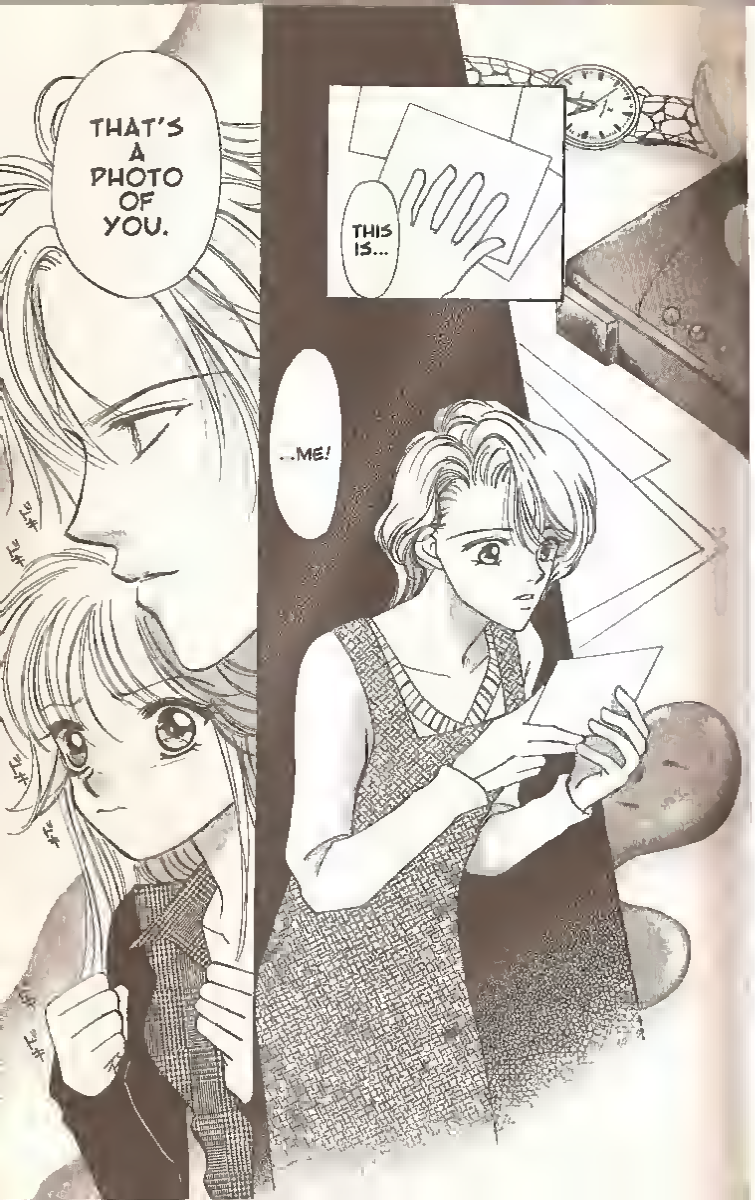
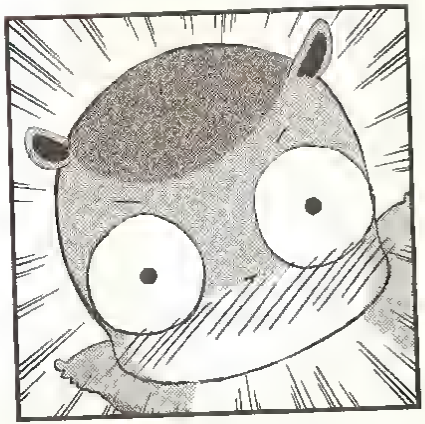
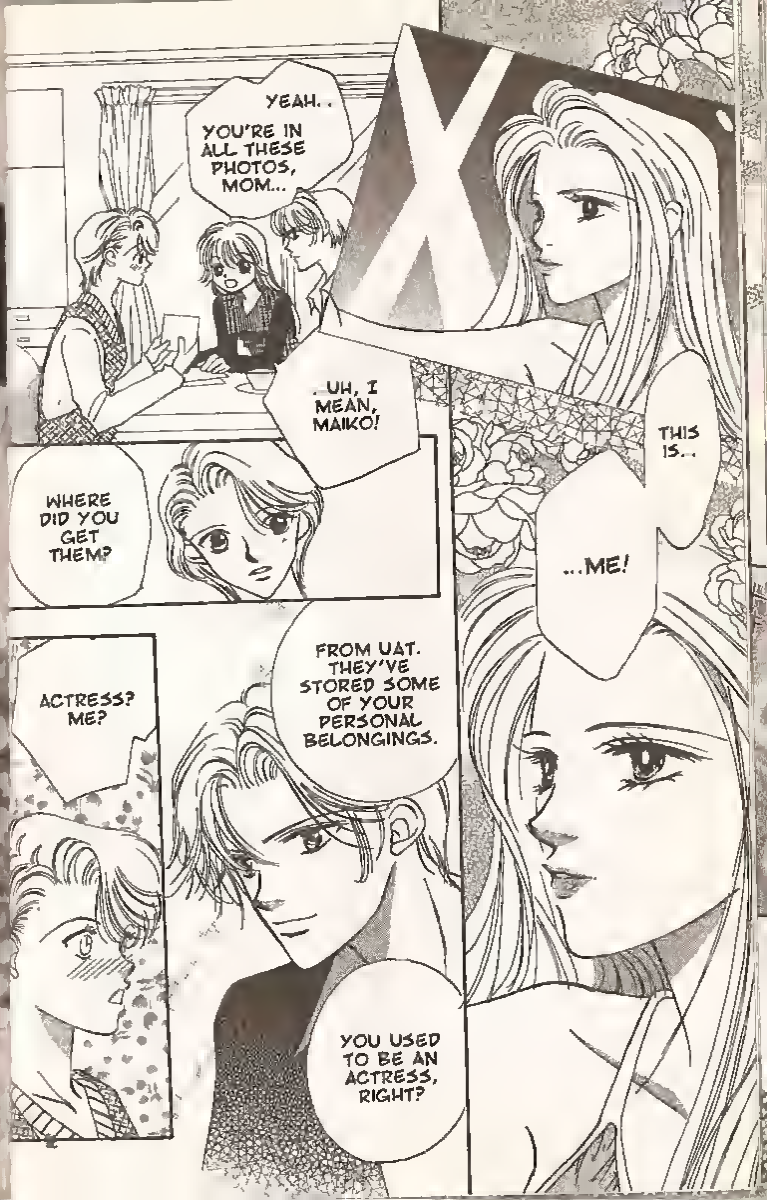
ユキー
ユキー
Mom...
ユキー

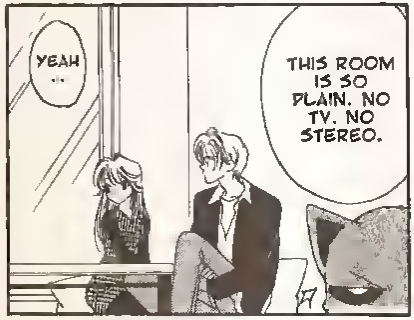

THAT'S A PHOTO OF YOU.
THIS IS...
..ME!

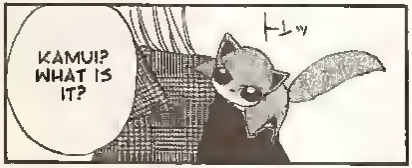


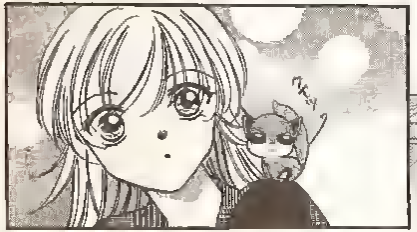
I HAD NO IDEA. I DON'T WATCH TV.
WHAAAT?
YEAH, I'M AN ACTOR, TOO.
YOU WEREN'T ON TV.
JUST MOVIES.
....
MOVIES...
...REMEMBER ANYTHING?
DO YOU...

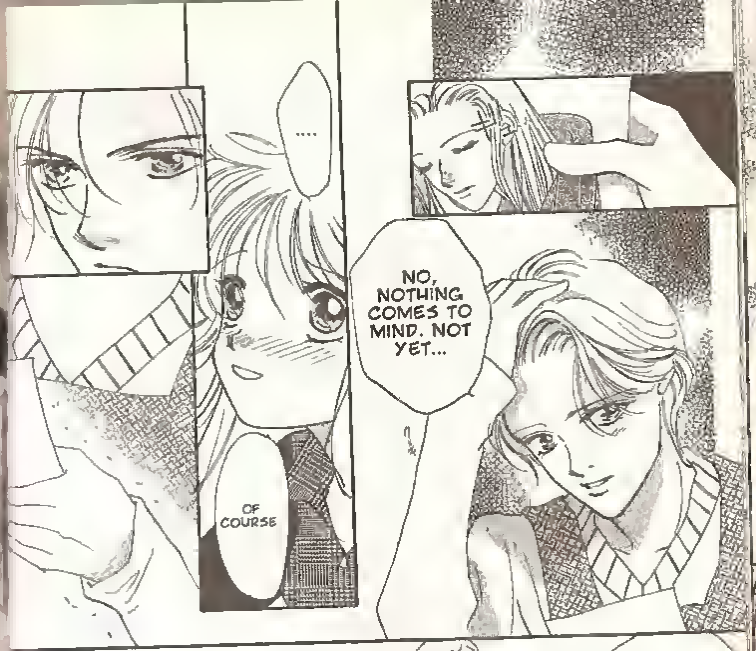

YEAH.. YOU'RE IN ALL THESE PHOTOS, MOM...
..UH, I MEAN, MAIKO!
WHERE DID YOU GET THEM?
THIS IS..
...ME!
FROM UAT. THEY'VE STORED SOME OF YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS.
ACTRESS? ME?
YOU USED TO BE AN ACTRESS, RIGHT?

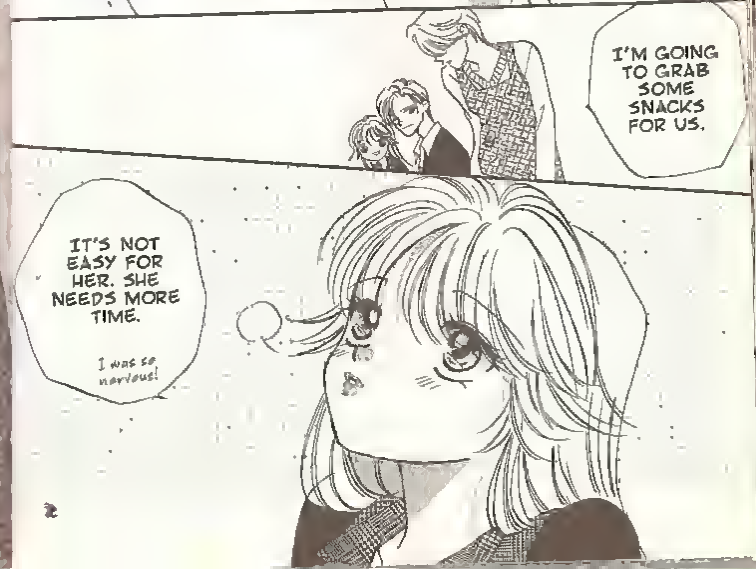
I THINK AKIRA'S GOING TO BE THE KEY.
HER HANDS WERE SHAKING.
YEAH

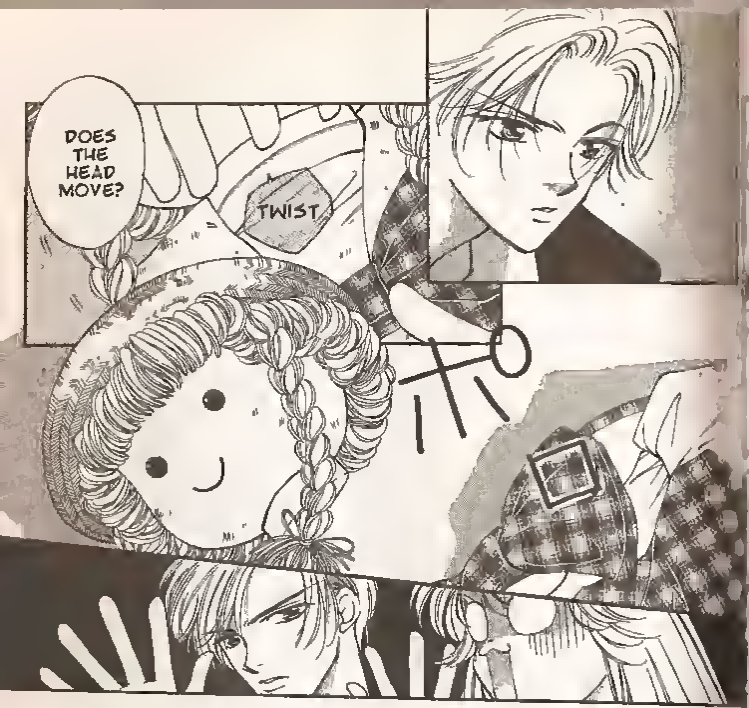

YEAH ...
THIS ROOM IS SO PLAIN. NO TV. NO STEREO.

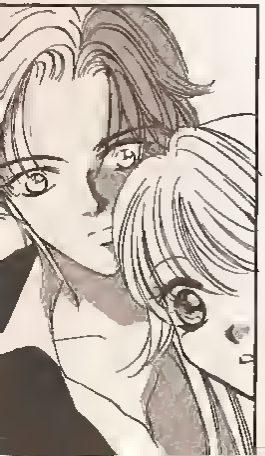

KAMUI? WHAT IS IT?

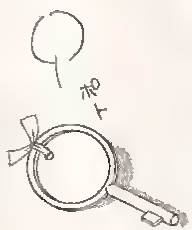



....
OF COURSE
NO, NOTHING COMES TO MIND. NOT YET...

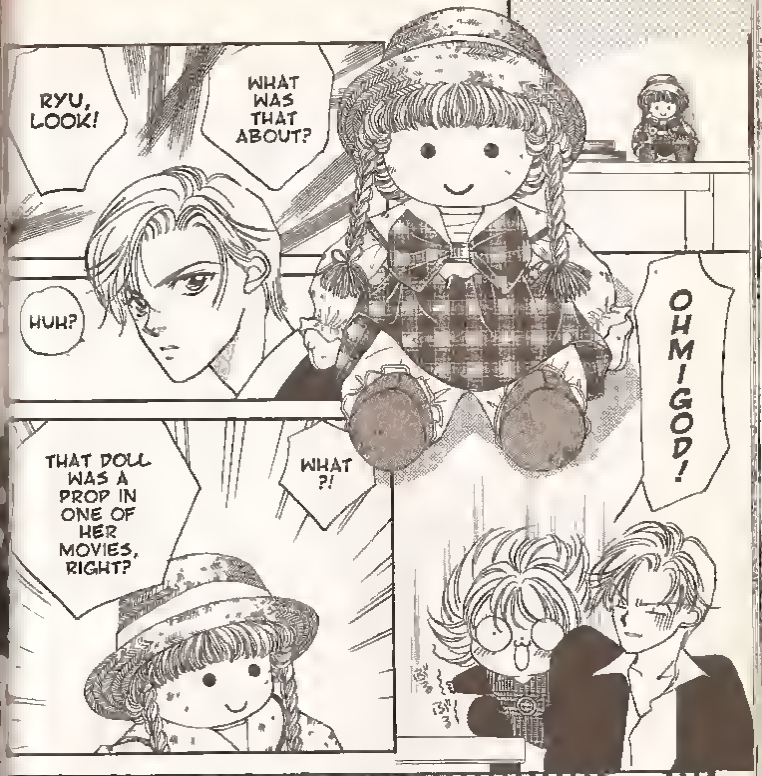

I'M GOING TO GRAB SOME SNACKS FOR US.
IT'S NOT EASY FOR HER. SHE NEEDS MORE TIME.
I was so nervous!


DOES THE HEAD MOVE?
TWIST

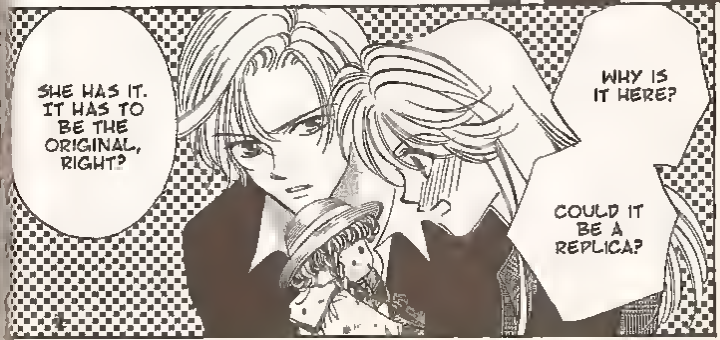




SHHH!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!

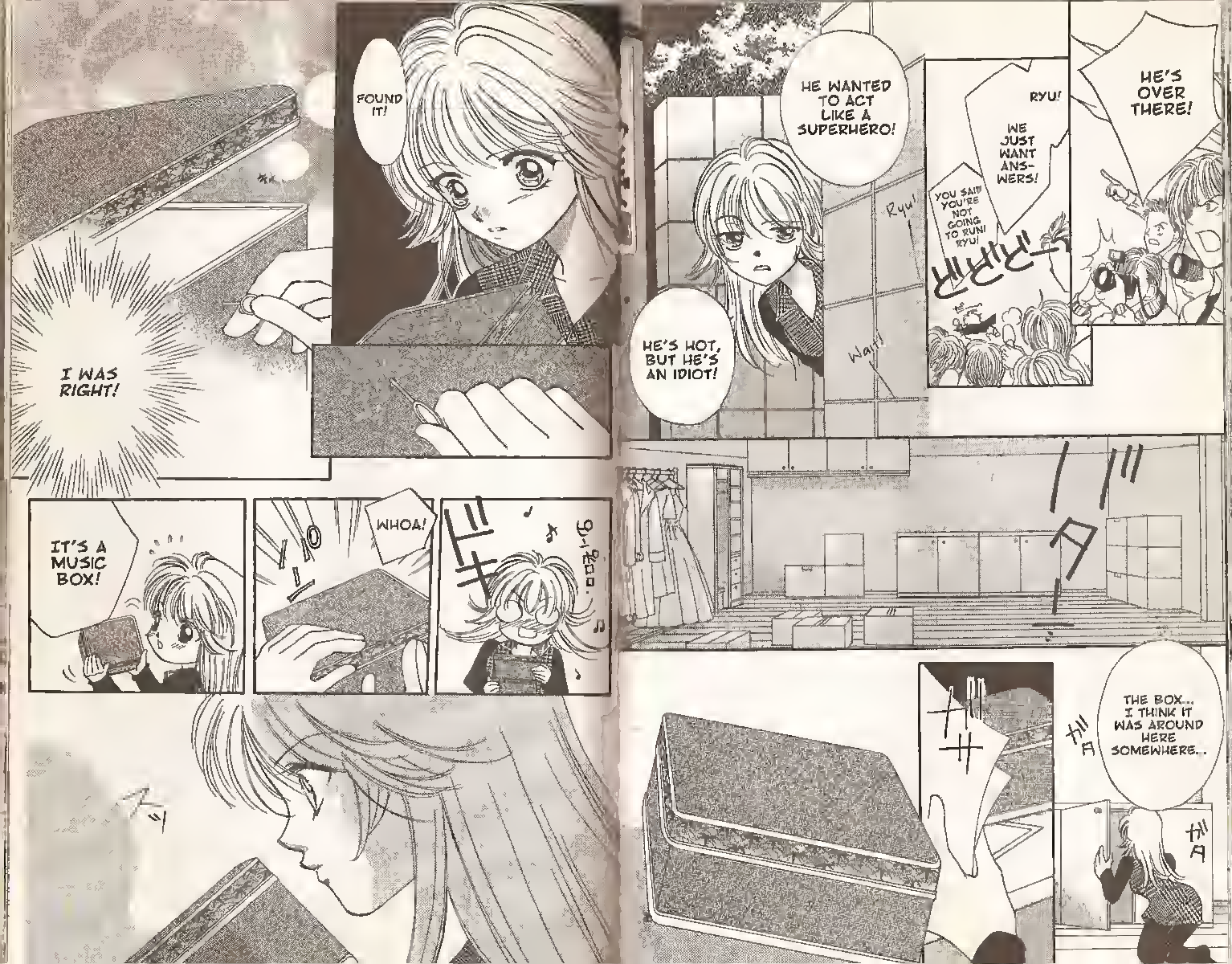

RYU, LOOK!
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
HUH?
OHMIGOD!

THAT DOLL WAS A PROP IN ONE OF HER MOVIES, RIGHT?
WHAT ?!


SHE HAS IT. IT HAS TO BE THE ORIGINAL, RIGHT?
WHY IS IT HERE?
COULD IT BE A REPLICA?

I'M FINE. YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?
WE HAVE TO GO. I HOPE WE WEREN'T BEING RUDE...
...SHOWING YOU ALL THIS STUFF. THANK YOU.
REALLY?
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU LOOK PALE...
WHAT?
LET'S GO HOME.
JUST TRUST ME.
WHAT IS IT?
I THINK I KNOW WHAT THIS KEY IS FOR.
IT'S A BIT SMASHED, BUT IT'S REALLY GOOD.
THIS IS SUCH A CUTE DOLL!
IT'S REALLY OLD, BUT I CAN'T THROW IT AWAY.
I WAS HOLDING THAT WHEN I LOST MY MEMORY.

HA!
HA HA HA HA!
What was that?
I THINK WE LOST HIM.
CRAP!
THAT'S THE TRADE-OFF.
MEDIA HARASSMENT IS THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR FAME.
I'M OVER HERE.
I REFUSE TO RUN AND HIDE.
HOW DO WE GET IN?
I HAVE AN IDEA.
?
LOOK AT THAT!
DO YOU WANT TO DEAL WITH THAT CRAP?
I CAN MAKE IT THROUGH.
NO, YOU'LL END UP ON TV.
I FOUND A LOCKED BOX WHILE GOING THROUGH HER STUFF IN STORAGE


FOUND IT!
I WAS RIGHT!
HE WANTED TO ACT LIKE A SUPERHERO!
HE'S HOT, BUT HE'S AN IDIOT!
Ryu!
Wait!
RYU!
WE JUST WANT ANSWERS!
YOU SAID YOU'RE NOT GOING TO RUN! RYU!
HE'S OVER THERE!
IT'S A MUSIC BOX!
WHOA!
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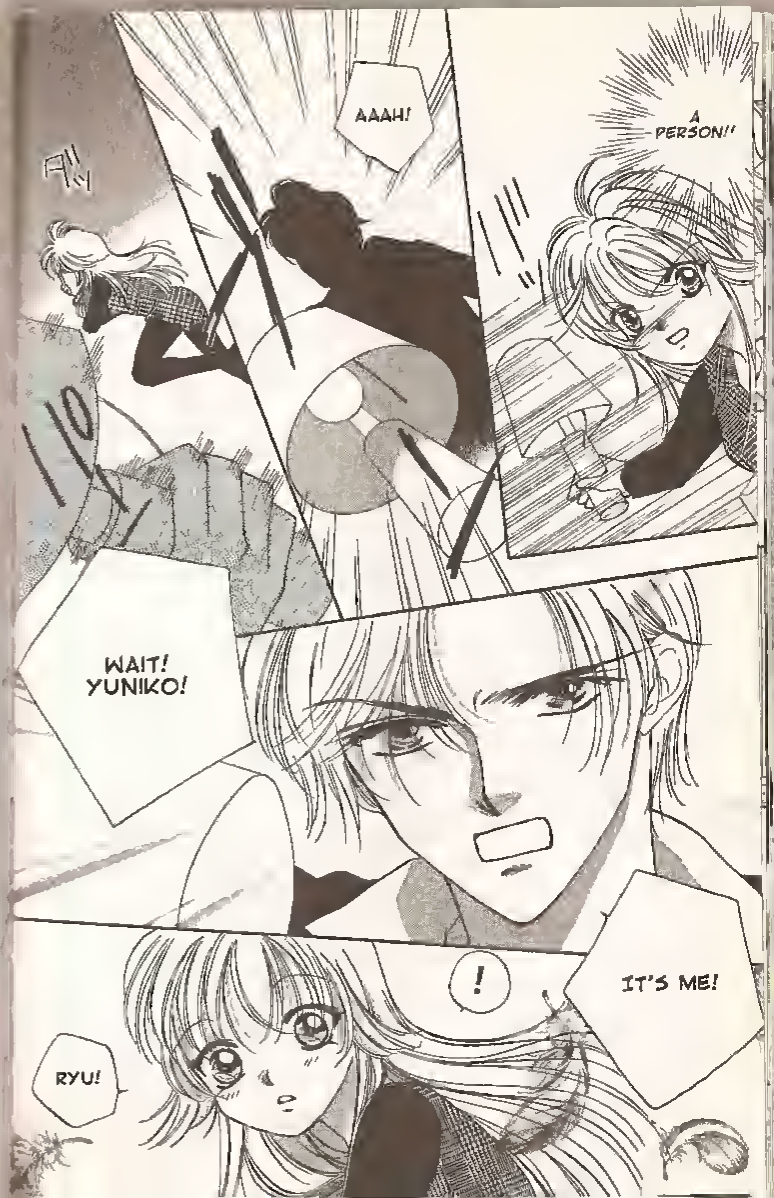
THE BOX... I THINK IT WAS AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE...

YUP.
IT WAS NOTHING. I DIDN'T EVEN BREAK A SWEAT!
YOU LOST THE REPORTERS ALREADY?!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE MAKI.
YOU'RE FREAKIN' QUICK.
SO, WHAT ABOUT THE KEY?
WHAT'S INSIDE...?
Is it delicious?
IT'S...
...A MUSIC BOX.


AAAH!
A PERSON!!
WAIT! YUNIKO!
!
IT'S ME!
RYU!

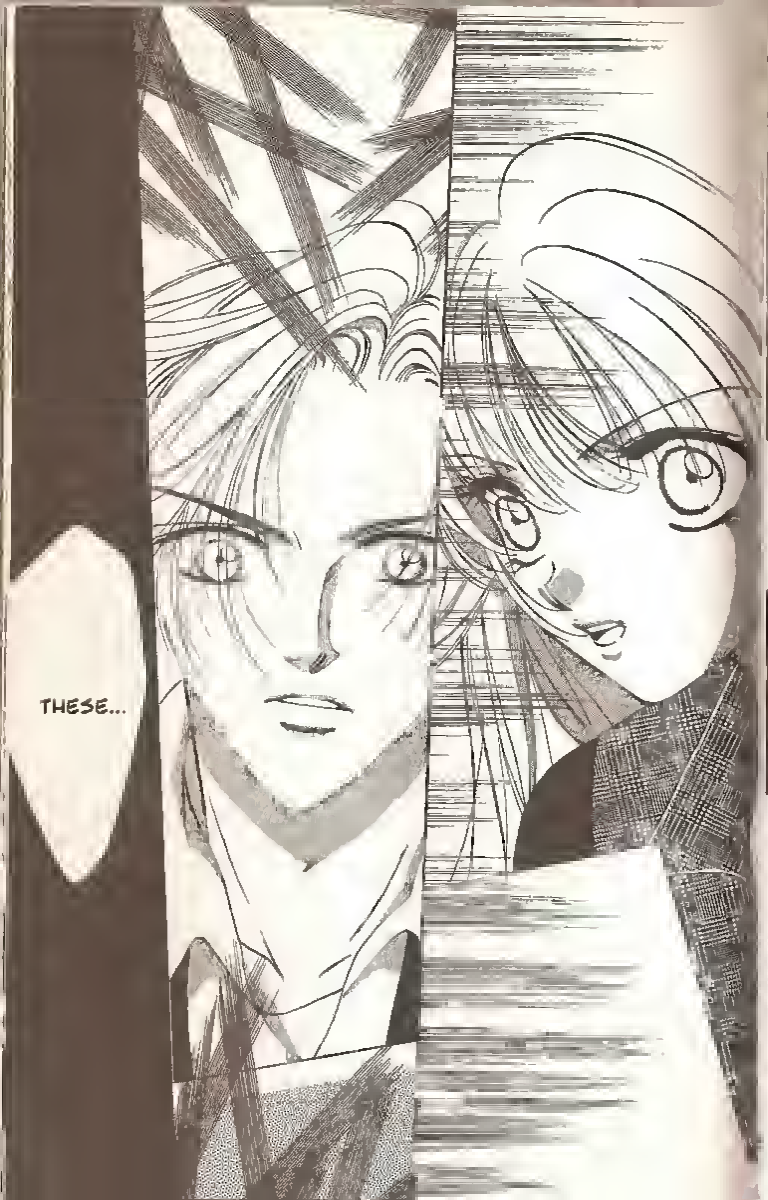

THESE...

PHOTO-GRAPHS
My first ring from Akira
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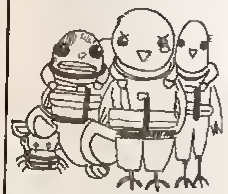
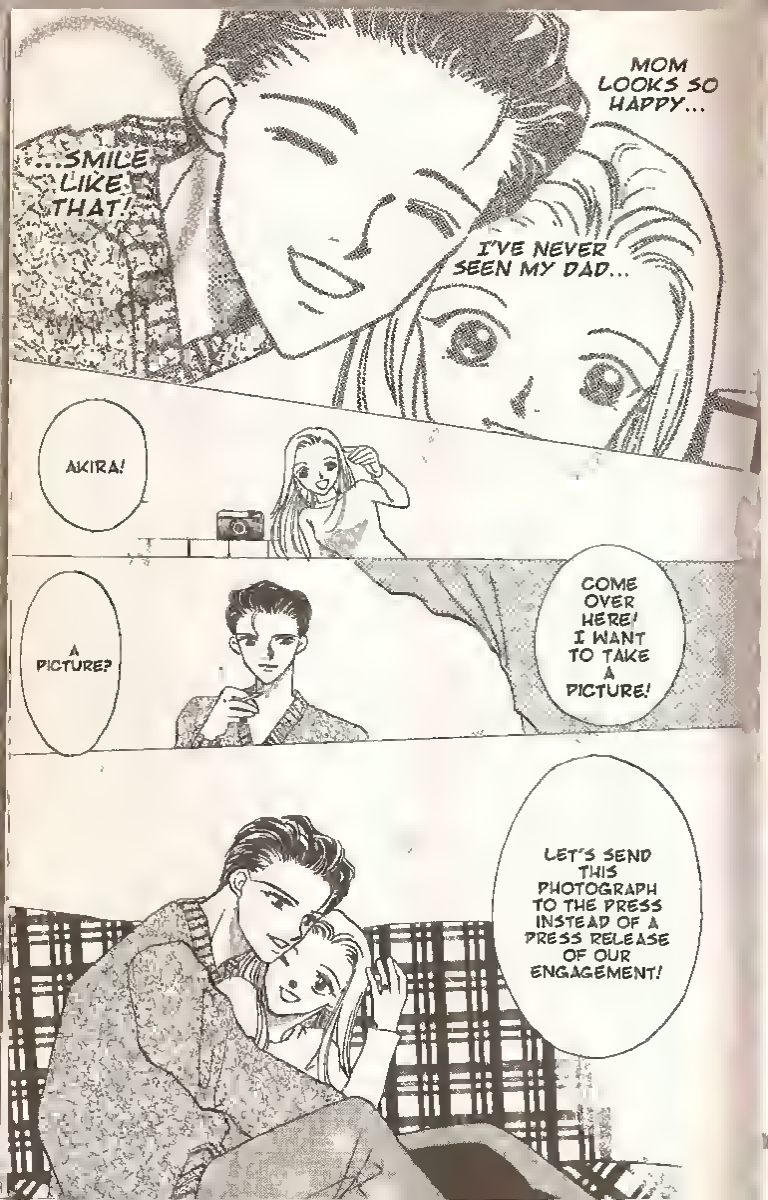
Volume 4 and Higata

When I was finishing up this volume, I found out that the city of Nagoya decided against turning Higata into a trash disposal site. I was so happy, I cried. I was very concerned about this issue, so the decision really made my day! The trash issue remains unsolved, but I'm still glad! Way to go, Nagoya! Higata may be small, but far a lot of animals living there, it's their only home. It's wrong for us to force the critters to relocate, or kill them, just so we can bury our trash. While I would be shocked if my neighborhood became a dump site, I still feel that people need to resolve their trash issue without destroying nature.

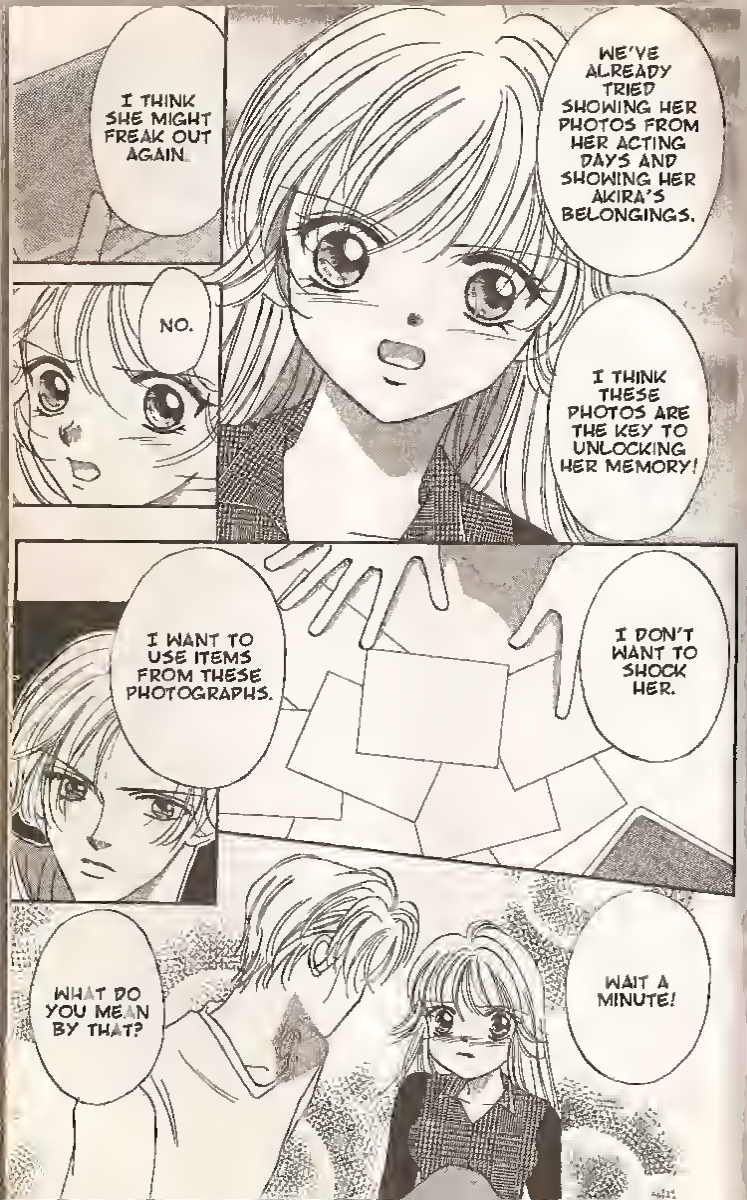


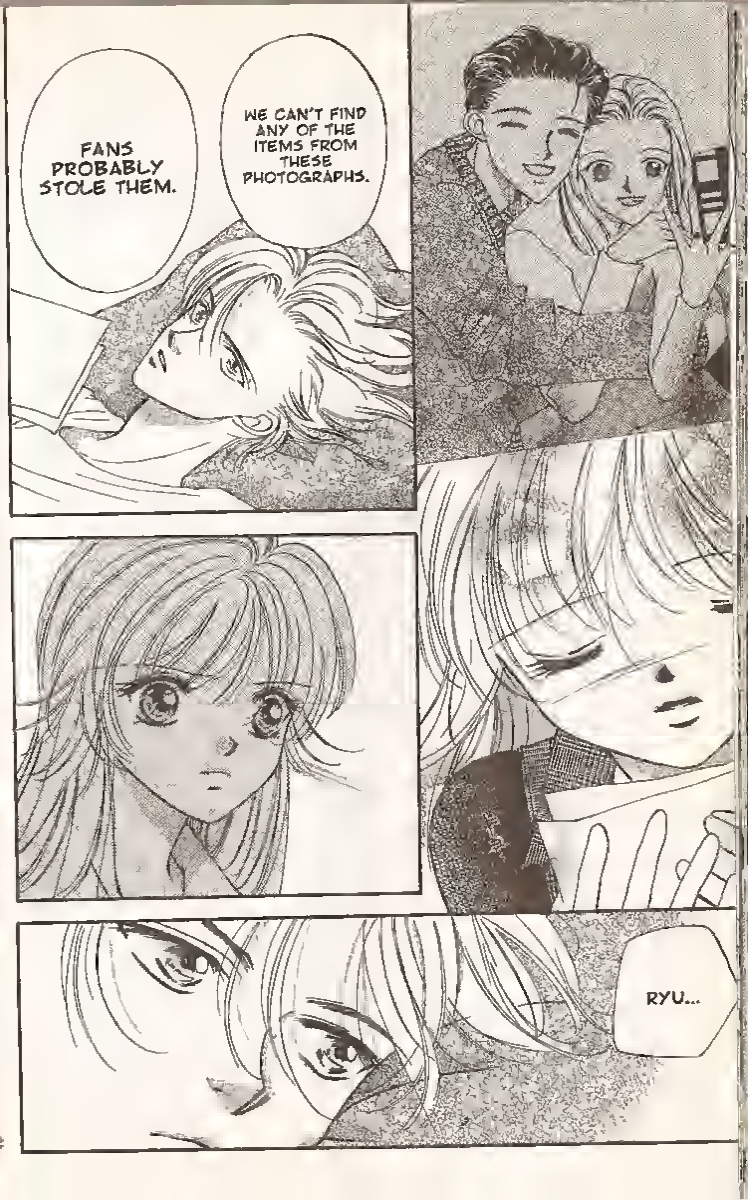
Higata Armageddon

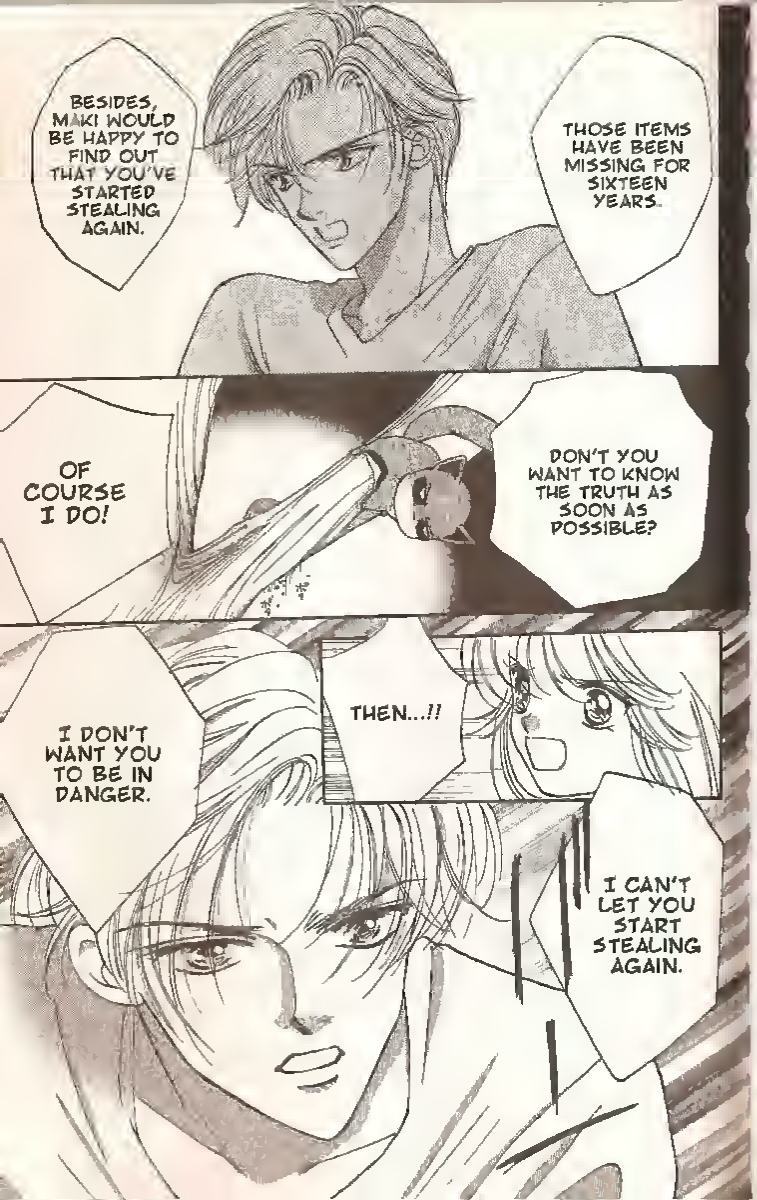
I'm touched by movies that describe planetary catastrophes, like *Armageddon* and *Deep Impact*. However, we need to realize that people inflict similar catastrophes to other species on our planet all the time.

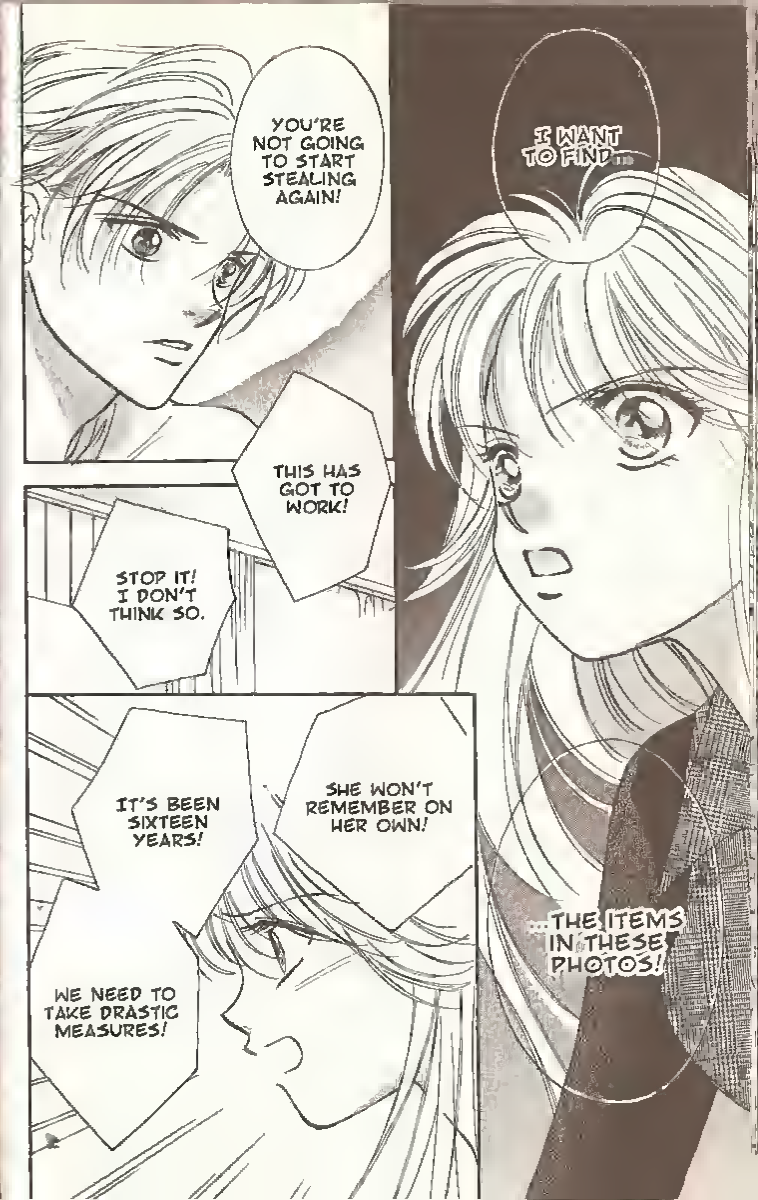

MOM LOOKS SO HAPPY...
I'VE NEVER SEEN MY DAD...
...SMILE LIKE THAT!
AKIRA!
A PICTURE?
COME OVER HERE! I WANT TO TAKE A PICTURE!
LET'S SEND THIS PHOTOGRAPH TO THE PRESS INSTEAD OF A PRESS RELEASE OF OUR ENGAGEMENT!

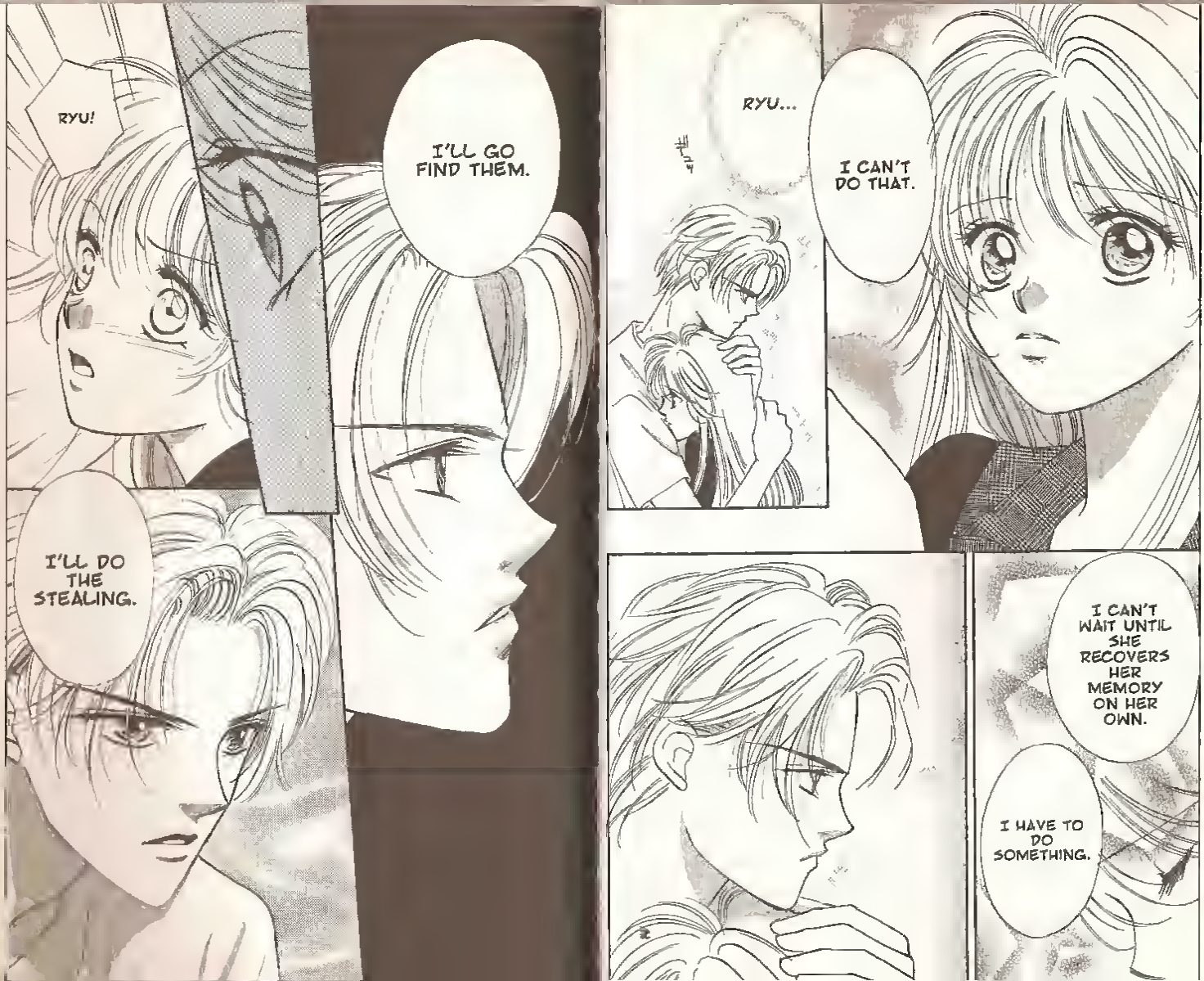
L.A. OUR FIRST DAY LIVING TOGETHER!
ALL THE PHOTOS HAVE COMMENTS ON THE BACK.
WON THE OSCAR!
CELEBRATE! FIRST CAR! BOUGHT WITH EARNINGS FROM MY HOLLYWOOD MOVIE.
AKIRA'S 23RD BIRTHDAY. "LET'S GET MARRIED NEXT YEAR!"
I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM.
I HAD NO IDEA...
WITH BAGEL, OUR WONDERFUL BEAGLE.
THIS WAS PROBABLY THE HAPPIEST TIME OF THEIR LIVES.


I THINK SHE MIGHT FREAK OUT AGAIN.
WE'VE ALREADY TRIED SHOWING HER PHOTOS FROM HER ACTING DAYS AND SHOWING HER AKIRA'S BELONGINGS.
NO.
I THINK THESE PHOTOS ARE THE KEY TO UNLOCKING HER MEMORY!
I WANT TO USE ITEMS FROM THESE PHOTOGRAPHS.
I DON'T WANT TO SHOCK HER.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
WAIT A MINUTE!


FANS PROBABLY STOLE THEM.
WE CAN'T FIND ANY OF THE ITEMS FROM THESE PHOTOGRAPHS.
RYU...


BESIDES, MAKI WOULD BE HAPPY TO FIND OUT THAT YOU'VE STARTED STEALING AGAIN.
THOSE ITEMS HAVE BEEN MISSING FOR SIXTEEN YEARS.
OF COURSE I DO!
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE?
I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE IN DANGER.
THEN...!!
I CAN'T LET YOU START STEALING AGAIN.


YOU'RE NOT GOING TO START STEALING AGAIN!
I WANT TO FIND...
THIS HAS GOT TO WORK!
STOP IT! I DON'T THINK SO.
IT'S BEEN SIXTEEN YEARS!
SHE WON'T REMEMBER ON HER OWN!
WE NEED TO TAKE DRASTIC MEASURES!
...THE ITEMS IN THESE PHOTOS!


RYU!
I'LL GO FIND THEM.
I'LL DO THE STEALING.
RYU...
I CAN'T DO THAT.
I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL SHE RECOVERS HER MEMORY ON HER OWN.
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 5